



CLOVER CHRONICLE



4-H MISSION

The purpose of 4-H is to foster the well-rounded development of youth, nurturing their physical, mental, moral, and social growth. It aims to help young individuals become competent, committed, and self-assured adults through; project involvement, 4-H events and various positive activities.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

CCE ONTARIO 4-H OFFICE

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 AM- 4 PM

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Canandaigua
NY 14424

cceontario.org/4-h-youth

4-HCampBristolHills.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

-September 13 Saturday - Annual Fall Fest/ 4-H Open House

-September 16 Tuesday- Volunteer Kickoff Meeting 6-7 pm

-October 1 - 4-H Enrollment BEGINS!!

-October 4 Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale 9-11 AM

-October 10 Friday- Achievement Night Paperwork DUE

-October 11-Saturday- Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8 PM

-October 24 Friday- Harvest Food Fest Paperwork DUE

-October 28 Tuesday- Achievement Night 5:30 pm



MESSAGE FROM THE 4-H STAFF

Another Fair season has come and gone; what an AMAZING job you all did representing Ontario County 4-H, we couldn't be more proud! We hope you all have a great start to the school year.

Here at the 4-H office, we are gearing up for another great 4-H year! Please pay careful attention to the calendar this month. You will see that we have announced dates for several programs including achievement night, harvest food fest, and public presentations. These are events that you will want to put on your calendar now, such as our **3rd annual Fall Festival- September 13th**! We know it is early this year but last year was a blast, and you won't want to miss this year.

Now is the time to be filling out your achievement night portfolios. These are a great way to keep track of all the amazing things that you are doing in your 4-H journey. We highly encourage you to create a binder and keep each year's portfolio in that binder so that you can look back on all you did! Feel free to add pictures and personal touches if desired. ***We would love to see EVERYONE at achievement night this year! You should be awarded for your accomplishments!*** We will be doing a Chipotle fundraiser again to raise money for achievement night awards. Please see poster in this issue for more information.

Lastly, we like to keep our families informed but ask for some grace this fall as our 4-H Educator- Sarah Wilhelm will be on maternity leave from the beginning of October to the end of November (roughly), returning to work part-time December-February, then back to full-time (all estimates until Baby Wilhelm's arrival). During the time she is out Amy and Amelia will be your main contacts for all things 4-H!

-Ontario 4-H



Ontario County 4-H - Calendar of Events 2025-2026



(dates subject to change)

September

- 1st Labor Day- Holiday -Office CLOSED
- 13th Saturday- Annual Fall Fest/ 4-H Open House
- 16th Tuesday- **Volunteer Kickoff Meeting 6-7 pm**

October

- 1st - 4-H Enrollment Begins
- 5th-11th - National 4-H Week-Beyond Ready
- 10th Friday- Achievement Night Paperwork Due
- 24th Friday- Harvest Food Fest Paperwork Due
- 28th Tuesday- **Achievement Night 5:30 pm at the**
Ontario County Fair Grounds-Carriage Barn

November

- 1st 4-H Enrollment Due
- 8th Saturday- **Harvest Food Fest (PINY) 9 am**
- 18-Tuesday-CCE Annual Meeting @ 5:15 PM
- November 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office CLOSED

December

- ?? Holiday Fun Day
- Dec 25- Jan 2 Winter Break - Office CLOSED

January

- 9th Friday- Public Presentation Training 6:00 pm at CCE Office
- 14th Wednesday- Public Presentations Paperwork Due

February

- 3rd Tuesday 6-8 pm
- 6th Friday 6-8 pm OR 7th Saturday 9 am-1:30 pm Public Presentations
- 10th SNOW DATE 6-8 pm (All at CCE Office)
- Tractor Safety

March

- Horse Extravaganza, District Dairy Bowl, District Public Presentations

April

- ?? State Horse Bowl

May

- ?? Volunteer Appreciation Open House

June

- ?? State Fair Information Session
- ?? Pullorum Clinic

July

- ?? Fair Entry Worknight
- July 4 Independence Day-CCE Office CLOSED
- ??- Fair Clean Up
- 21st -25th Ontario County Fair

August

- ??- Roseland 4-H Fun Day
- August 26-September 7- New York State Fair

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL

FALL

FESTIVAL & 4-H OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
10 AM- 1 PM

4437 Kear Road, Canandaigua, NY US 14424

CRAFTS | AUTUMN ACTIVITIES
PETTING ZOO | CONCESSIONS AND MORE!

A Showcase of:

4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Ontario County 4-H, Master Gardeners, AG in the Classroom & Shooting Sports



If your club is interested in running a station for Fall Festival & Open House, please contact Amelia at agd72@cornell.edu or call 585-394-3977 ext 408.

This can be a petting zoo, craft, informational poster you talk with people about, a game that can be played, etc!

2025-2026 4-H Season!



Volunteer Kickoff

Club leaders, volunteers, and parents, please join us for our 2025-2026 4-H Year Kickoff Meeting on **Tuesday, September 16th at 6pm.**

We will start off the meeting answering any questions about upcoming events that transition into brainstorming for the upcoming 4-H year. Last year we had a great discussion and our new dog program and a winter sewing camp materialized because of it, so please come on out and give us your ideas. :)

BY VOLUNTEERING WITH 4-H, YOU

help build
stronger
communities



teach the next
generation valuable
knowledge and
skills



create better
connected
communities



increase civic
involvement



make the 4-H
program possible

have the
opportunity to
grow personally



become a
mentor to youth



break down social
barriers to make
all feel welcome



Ontario County 4-H 

ARCHERY

ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H WILL BE OFFERING 4-H ARCHERY THIS FALL. THIS 4-SESSION CLASS WILL FOCUS ON ARCHERY BASICS, SHOOTING, AND ALSO INCLUDE SOME GUEST SPEAKERS ON OUTDOOR EDUCATION TOPICS.

LIMITED SPACE – CLASS CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 8 STUDENTS

SIGN UP NOW LIVE!

DATES Monday Evenings

OCTOBER

6:00-7:00 PM:

6TH, 13TH, 20TH AND 27TH

All classes will be
held at 4-H Camp
Bristol Hills!

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER:

https://cornell.caI.qualtrics.com/.../SV_e2GKIEXK7qbnknI



Achievement Night

Paperwork Deadline October 10th

Tuesday, October 28th
at 5:30 PM at the
Carriage Barn

Ontario County Fairgrounds

*You deserve to be
celebrated!*

Achievement night is the night where we recognize 4-H'ers for all the wonderful things they have done throughout the year!

It is a fun night and also a great way to document your 4-H journey.

We will be having a potluck dinner!

Use the link below to sign up
for a dish to pass.

Please view here:

[Ontario County 4-H: Achievement Night Potluck \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

- 4-H'ers need to fill out portfolios about their activities over the course of the year to be eligible for achievement certificates and mastery awards.
- Adults can also nominate for Essential Element awards for growth in a specific area.

More information and forms can be found at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Achievement Night \(cceontario.org\)](https://cceontario.org)



*All 4Hers Please
Attend!*

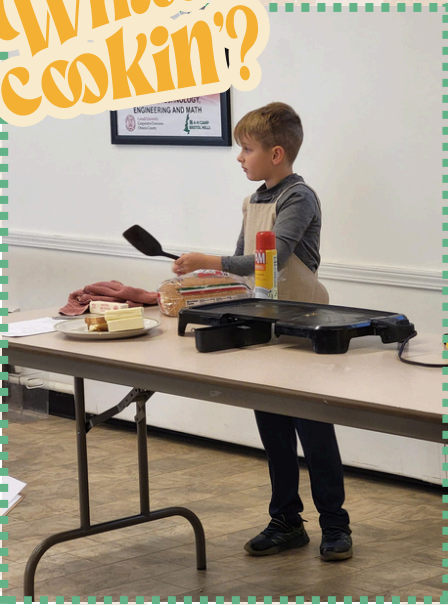


Harvest Food Fest

It's the yummiest of the 4-H events!

Join us on **Saturday, November 8th** for our
2025 4-H Harvest Food Fest (PINY)!

*What's
Cookin'?*

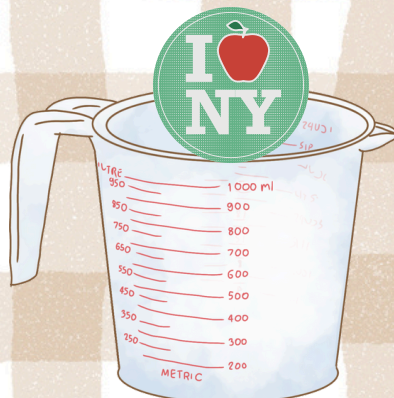


This is where youth participate in a silent food demonstration that is appropriate for all ages and abilities. **Youth can pick any recipe of their choice BUT they must use at least 1 cup of locally grown New York State product in the recipe.** They also fill out a planning sheet that helps them learn how to analyze the nutritional content of their meals. Please find the information that you need on the Harvest Food Fest page on our website and reach out to Amy or Amelia with any questions about this event.

Registrations are due by October 24th.

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Harvest Food Fest
(cceontario.org)

Don't forget your
local NY Ingredient!



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County



*Cordially
Invited to Our*

Centennial Gala

*6 pm Cocktails
7 pm Dinner
8 pm Program &
Silent Auction*

Saturday,
October 4, 2025
at
4-H Camp Bristol Hills

*\$100/person
\$175/couple
\$850/Table of Eight*

4487 Kear Road
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

*This year we celebrate 100 years of summer camping
excellence with a Gala-style event, complete with a
catered dinner, powerful testimonials, silent
auction, photo booth and cash bar.*



We kindly request pre-registration

***Funds raised will help us build a
new pool Complex !***

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/
2025_CentennialGala_232](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2025_CentennialGala_232)



CLUB NEWS



ATTENTION

Honeoye Robotics is looking for
NEW 4-H Members!

Please email

Honeyerobotics@yahoo.com
for more information.

The Wild Side

First Meeting: Sunday September 21st at 1 pm.
We'll be meeting at the Ontario County
pathways to go geocaching, as well as making
our own Wild Side Geocache to hide.

Regular Meetings:

3rd Friday of the Month-6:00 PM

Blue Ribbon Bandits and Hens and Hares

BIG News! Blue Ribbon Bandits and Hens &
Hares will be combining into one club!
Plan to meet twice a month to cover the small
livestock species. Goats, Poultry, Rabbit and
Sheep (more then before).

New Club Name Coming Soon!

First Meeting:

Thursday September 25 6:30 PM
at the CCE Office

**Come learn more at the Annual Fall
Festival & 4-H Open House next weekend
Saturday September 13
10 am-1 pm!!**



CLUB UPDATES

Congratulations to all youth who participated in County Fair 2025 & Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who made it all possible!!



2025 YOUTH EXHIBITORS

In the **4-H exhibit hall** at the fair, **231** unique and creative projects could be found ranging from horticulture to recycled crafts, to woodworking and many others.

-**11 beef 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 22 beef cattle

-**21 dairy 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 33 dairy cattle

-**15 goat 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 40 goats

-**28 horse 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 29 horses

-**37 poultry 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 125 birds

-**19 rabbit 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 61 rabbits

-**12 sheep 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 21 sheep

-**10 swine 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 19 hogs

-**4 pet show 4-H exhibitors** showing a total of 4 animals

And our newest event at the fair, there were

4 dog 4-H exhibitors showing a total of 5 dogs.

-Livestock Auction, we had **27 total 4-H exhibitors**

Thank you to our **7 Junior Superintendents!**





CLUB UPDATES

Congratulations to all youth who participated in
Animal Science competitions the 2025 Great NYS Fair !!

Avian Bowl

1st place Junior- Mackenzie Michaelsen

Poultry Science Contest

1st place Junior- Mackenzie Michaelsen

3rd place Senior- Simon Czadzeck

10th place Senior- MaryLou Sheckler



Dairy Challenge

Junior youth - Sam Smithling, Zoey Richwalder &
Catherine Worden

Individual - Catherine Worden 4th place & on the 1st
place Junior team

Senior youth - Emmett Smithling & Mary Lou Sheckler

Individual - Emmett Smithling 1st place Senior and on
the 2nd place Senior team

Dairy Judging

Junior Individual

-Samantha Smithling- Top 25

-Zoey Richwalder

-Catherine Worden

Senior Individual

-Emmett Smithling- Top 25

Emmett was part of the 4th place team



Goat Bowl

Olivia Maslyn & Wyatt Wadams



CLUB UPDATES

Congratulations to all youth who participated in
the 2025 Great NYS Fair !!

Livestock Skillathon

Beginner 1st place team

-Laramie P, Addy S and Kaelynn H

Individual

-Addy 4th place

-Laramie 5th place

-Kaelynn 6th place

Junior 4th place team

-Mackenzie, Elena, Grant and Lexah

Individual

-Mackenzie 5th place

-Elena 6th place



Also competing from Ontario County was
Deacon, Matt, Kaylee and Micah!



Livestock Judging

Beginners - 2nd place Team

Individuals

2nd place -Laramie Pyra

4th -Kaelynn Hanggi

Juniors - 1st & 2nd place Teams

Individuals

3rd place -Deacon Wickham

4th place -Kaylee Hey

6th place -Micah Joseph

Individuals (cont.)

8th place - Lexah Ciardi

10th place - Matthew Murphy



Email Amelia at
agd72@cornell.edu
before the 1st of
the month to get
your club news in
the next Clover
Chronicle!





Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Cornell Cooperative Extension 480 North
Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

The Ontario County Master Gardeners will be sharing their plants from their gardens. Some of the plants will be perennials, bulbs, shrubs, house plants, hostas and more!! This will be held indoors. If you are looking for plants for your gardens, this is the place to come. The Master Gardeners look forward to sharing some of their plants with you.

***-Sales are all cash or check ONLY-
If you have questions, contact
585-394-3977 x 436 or 427***



Hypertufa Workshop

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 10:00 am – Noon

Hypertufa is an artificial stone that is made of materials mixed with Portland cement. It is much lighter than cement but can still withstand harsh weather conditions. It is primarily used as garden art and is fun and easy to make.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Ontario County Master Gardener, Jessica Kanaley will guide you through making a hypertufa leaf or bowl. ***If 4-H members want to do this project, ages 12 and under will need an adult with them.***

Supplies needed:

- a board or piece of plywood that your project will fit on
- Two large garbage bags.
- **Leaf project:** a big leaf from your garden, such as hosta, rhubarb, squash or even burdock.
- **Bowl project:** a gallon size bowl or planter

Workshop fee: \$10.00/project. ***Payment with cash or check.***
Pre-registration requested by September 23, 2025. When you register, please let us know what project you will be doing. Call 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cormell.edu with name, address, phone number, and project.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H- CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH | 4-8PM
282 EASTERN BLVD, CANANDAIGUA, NY, 14424

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **AVYMRZ2**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

48th Annual 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference



2025



October 16-17 @ SUNY Cobleskill



SUNY Cobleskill 

Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities
Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for providing equal
program and employment opportunities in accordance with applicable laws.

Join us for the 48th Annual 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference, held at SUNY Cobleskill

Below you will see the packet with information about the event, as well as additional information needed before registration. Below you will find the registration link. Please contact your county educator with any questions.

Thank you!

Registration: https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebWangc0HoheZWC

Volunteer Opportunities



Fall Into Canandaigua Festival Saturday, October 25th

Looking for 4-H volunteers to do a petting zoo for the event, please email Beth McClung bmcclung@icog.com if you or your club would like to help participate. She is filling out the application to have a group of 4-H represented at this annual event.

December 13 & 14, 2025



Canandaigua First Methodist Church is looking for volunteers to bring animals and participate in a “LIVE” Nativity scene. Some 4-Hers participated last year and it was a great time!

Volunteers dress up in outfits provided by the church and walk around acting as people in the marketplace.

In need of MORE animals!

Kids could choose to have just their animal in the display (chickens/bunnies in cages in marketplace stall, sheep tied out by angels, horse/cow/goats tied by the stable) or if kids want to walk around with their animals as part of the scene they are welcome to.

Please **email Hannah Worden - hworden8@outlook.com** if interested in participating or want more information!



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