



# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Herald

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## 4-H Grows in Monroe County

### STEM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM

#### PROGRAMS PICKING UP SPEED

The 4-H Pledge  
 I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking.  
 I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty.  
 I pledge my HANDS to larger service.  
 I pledge my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.





## STEM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### 4-H STAFF GROWS BY 2 IN MONROE COUNTY

#### SUSAN COYLE

Since joining the CCE Monroe 4-H team in September, I have been expanding the Agriculture in the Classroom 4-H Youth Development Program.



photo provided

I bring a wide variety of experiences with me, including twelve years as an educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension. I have vast knowledge of education in youth nutrition, animal science, garden-based learning, and natural resources. Additionally, I have camp and field days experiences, and countless hours in school, afterschool, and club settings.

I am excited to bring the Ag in the Classroom message to schools across Monroe County by providing hands-on activities in schools, as well as connecting youth to 4-H through participation in 4-H Clubs in their schools and communities. Exploration of the many faces of agriculture will include connections to the research and resources of Cornell University.

Career explorations will be another facet of the program. The job outlook is bright for the agricultural field and there are many different types of careers to meet different areas of interest and educational level.

Outside of work I enjoy my small hobby farm in Macedon. My handful of goats, rabbits, and chickens require care twice each day. I also like to garden, and enjoy the resultant fruits (or veggies) of my labor. In addition, I enjoy listening to live music and find a summer evening in a local park a great way to relax and unwind.

If I have not met you yet, I look forward to 4-H adventures with you. 4-H is a great organization and there are endless possibilities awaiting all of us. Jump in, get involved, volunteer...you will not be disappointed!



photos by Theresa Lippa, AmeriCorps VISTA

#### ODETH MORALES

I am a recent graduate from Wells College with a degree in Psychology. As a new 4-H educator in Monroe County, I'm looking forward to sharing and creating a space with passionate and creative youth.

When I'm not working I stay connected with grassroots activism groups throughout colleges and inner cities to continue the development of our communities. I'm excited to be a part of the 4-H team and see what amazing new things our clubs and programs will do!



Odeth & local youth completing a STEM activity at the How-To Festival at Greece Public Library





# MONROE COUNTY 4-H



## STEM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Monroe County 4-H Agriculture in the Classroom Program is seeking schools and afterschool programs with which we can connect.

Programming is flexible and can be designed to meet a variety of needs. A small sample of ideas includes connecting youth to where their food comes from, exploring how technology is part of the agricultural field, and connecting youth to agricultural careers.

If you are as excited as we are to offer these lessons to your students, please reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County to find out how to make a positive impact in a local classroom or afterschool program. You will be pleased to see how "4-H Grows" life skills in youth through agriculture, natural resources, and local food systems.



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### SENATOR FUNKE SECURES GRANT TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY THROUGH YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM AT CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF MONROE COUNTY



Top: Senator Funke & CCE-MC Executive Director Andrea Lista at the grant press conference  
Bottom: 4-H Educator Tara Defendorf-Kuba shares details about 4-H programming

**September 17, 2018:** A \$45,000 state grant secured by Senator Funke will allow youth to learn about additional agricultural programs in areas that include: the exploration of agriculture-related careers; the connection to food, nutrition, and consumer choices; as well as natural resources, conservation, stewardship, human populations, and land use issues.

"When we support programs that focus on agriculture, we are supporting an industry that helps reduce poverty, provide food for those in need, and fresh products for families," said Senator Funke. "In Monroe and Ontario counties especially, agriculture supports thousands of families in rural communities. Agriculture in the Classroom is an excellent way to educate our youth about this vital industry while encouraging them to also explore it as a career option."

Link to full article from NYS Senate is [HERE](#).





# MONROE COUNTY 4-H



## Around the County



From top left to bottom right:

- Horse Bowl at the CCE-MC 2018 Annual Meeting
- School 8 Open House
- Shooting Sports Course
- 2018 Cornell Chicken BBQ (2)
- How-To Festival at Greece Public Library
- Halloween at the Market

(photos: CCE-MC staff & volunteers)





# FREE Membership

New York Farm Bureau is offering **FREE** Student\* Memberships for



**4-H and FFA members**  
in their Junior or Senior Years of High School!



## Student Member Opportunities

- Develop **Leadership** Skills
- **Network** With Other Agriculturalists
- **Community Service** Through NYFB's Partnership With Feeding America's "Harvest For All" Program
- **Promote** Agriculture in Your Community
- **Compete** in State & National competitive events through our Young Farmer program\*\*
- Membership & leadership look great on your **resume!!**

## Joining Is Easy!

Visit [NYFB.org/membership](http://NYFB.org/membership) and fill out the form – in the "Join As" section, select "Student Membership". Become part of the State's top organization protecting the rights of farmers, landowners and ag professionals across New York.

**Give us a call or check us out on-line for more information!**

**NYFB.org • 1.800.342.4143**

\*Student members are 16-21 years old.

\*\*Young Farmer competitions are available to members between 18-35 years old.

Take advantage of **FREE Membership** in the New York Farm Bureau!

Link to website:

<https://www.nyfb.org/>

Link to enrollment application:

<https://bit.ly/2Oye6pP>



## 2018-2019 Re-Enrollment Due

Re-enrollment packets for the 2018-2019 4-H year were mailed on August 1, 2018 and were due on October 31, 2018. If you have not submitted your member or volunteer re-enrollments, please do so ASAP.

Paperwork may be sent to or dropped off at:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County  
2449 St. Paul Blvd.  
Rochester, NY 14617

If submitting by mail, please include a check for \$15 per youth (or family max of \$45).

If dropping off paperwork, you may pay by cash, check or charge.

If youth receive free lunch through his or her school district, enrollment fees may be waived by submitting documentation from the district.

Please contact Michele with any questions at [monroe4H@cornell.edu](mailto:monroe4H@cornell.edu).



## 4-H Teen Winter Weekend (Lewis County)

**February 15, 16, and 17, 2019**

2/15/19: 6-8pm, Arrival/Registration

2/17/19: Pick up time is 11:30 am

**Location: Oswegatchie Educational Center,**  
Croghan, NY (Lewis County)

Event is for New York State 4-H'ers ages 13 to 19 (as of January 1, 2019).

Cost of program is **\$75.00 per participant**. This will cover lodging, meals (Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch), as well as snacks and workshop supplies.

**Programming for 2019 includes:**  
Winter Games • Snowshoeing • Team Building  
Ice Breakers • Cross Country Skiing  
Indoor Hands-on Workshops

Registration is through CCE-MC / 4-H. Please contact Michele at [monroe4H@cornell.edu](mailto:monroe4H@cornell.edu) to register & for details on forms required.

**Registration deadline is Friday, January 11.**





# News & Opportunities



## TSC Paper Clover Breaks Record

4-H youth will experience valuable hands-on learning opportunities as a result of Tractor Supply's 2018 Paper Clover Campaign, a biannual fundraiser held in partnership with National 4-H Council.

Tractor Supply stores collectively raised \$1,035,417 in the fall 2018 campaign through donations made with purchases in-store and online. This is the highest amount raised from a single campaign in the history of the partnership. Additionally, 90% of the funds raised go back to the state they were raised in to support scholarships for 4-H camp and leadership events.

New York received approximately \$57,000 in Paper Clover donations for the Fall Campaign, landing us in the TOP 5! Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign this year and to TSC for allowing this partnership to continue!

## National Youth Summit Series

The National Youth Summit Series brings together some of the best and brightest students to focus on maker, agriscience, healthy living, and photography. Designed for high school students (grades 9 – 12), the Summits provide opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities, workshops, & engage with nationally-recognized leaders.



The National Youth Summit Series aims to teach lessons students can use for the betterment of their personal lives and communities.

Applications now available [HERE](#).

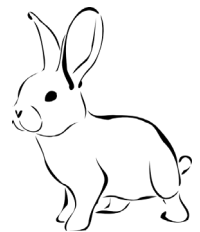
## Enter the Show Your Spirit Contest

Submit a photo of you with your animal friend with spirit by November 16 and you could win a family trip to a Beaches Resort!

Are you inspired by your pet, farm or service animal's courage, curiosity and confidence?

This fall, 4-H and DreamWorks are calling all 4-H'ers and the 4-H community to showcase their animals' "spirit" by entering the Show Your Spirit Photo Contest. The winner will receive a 4-day, 3-night Luxury Included® vacation for two adults and two children (under the age of 15) at any Beaches Resorts in the Caribbean! (Airfare not included.)

Enter the contest today and help celebrate the new season of the original series Spirit Riding Free, which premieres on Netflix November 9.



Share a photo of you with your animal friend and tell us why they have spirit by **November 16!**

Link to participate is [HERE](#).

## Capital Days 2019

Capital Days dates are May 19-21, 2019. The application for the Teen Planning Committee for 4-H Capital Days for the 2019 event deadline is January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please email [Rebecca Ireland-Perry](mailto:Rebecca.Ireland-Perry).

4-H Capital Days is a NYSACCE4-HE sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program.

For more information click [HERE](#).



# 4-H Club Notes



Susan Coyle

## Buttonwood Livestock

Owen A. at Zombie Apocalypse Weekend at Camp Bristol Hills (Ontario County)



## K-9 Kids

at Barktoberfest at Lollypop Farms



K-9 Kids (on Facebook)



Hilton Horsemen (on Facebook)

## Hilton Horsemen at Ronald McDonald House tour



Church Hills Stable 4-H Club (on Facebook)

## Church Hills Stable

at Brockport TSC for Paper Clover campaign



Niki W.

## Posh Ponies

at the CCE-MC 2018 Annual Meeting



Sean M.

## Shooting Sports

at the Rochester Rifle Club



# SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

## Inaugural 8-Week Course Nearing End

The first shooting sports course for Monroe County 4-H will come to an end this month. That means we are taking names for future courses which will begin in 2019. Current and new 4-H members are welcome to enroll. Please e-mail Tara at [tld4@cornell.edu](mailto:tld4@cornell.edu) to be put on the list. Space is limited.

This course proved to be a hit with the 3 members of the group. Initially seeking to have a group of 8, these 3 youth were dedicated to completing the entire course. Due to safety guidelines, members must be present for each session.

Youth and parents find the course to be exciting and challenging, appreciating the skill and enthusiasm leaders Eric and Sean provide.

4-H mom Kristen says, "Both instructors are so wonderful and patient with the kids. Super glad we found this opportunity through 4-H!"

Follow the progress of Monroe County 4-H Shooting Sports on Facebook!

Link: <https://bit.ly/2QqJKHo>

Check out Sean's blog post about the 4-H State Shoot that took place in September at 4-H Camp Wyomoco in Wyoming County.

Link: <https://bit.ly/2PKFghe>



# WANTED: 4-H MEMBERS

**NEW CLUB FORMING!**

Areas of focus:

- skin care
- makeup
- fashion
- wellness
- eyebrow care
- and more!

E-mail [4.Hcosclub@gmail.com](mailto:4.Hcosclub@gmail.com) if interested.  
Located in Webster.

## COSMETOLOGY

*Must love dogs!*

**4-H CLUB LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

## K-9 KIDS

CONTACT JOANNE DOHR AT [jhpes@yahoo.com](mailto:jhpes@yahoo.com)

**JOIN US SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT BARNES & NOBLE IN GREECE!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Cornell University  
Cooperative Extension  
Monroe County

# Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-4pm**  
**Barnes & Noble Greece**

Mall at Greece Ridge Center  
330 Greece Ridge Center Dr, Rochester, NY 14626

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County brings unbiased research-based education to YOU!

*A percentage of all B&N purchases will benefit CCE-MC Programming for our Monroe County residents!*

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

No Problem...just visit [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online from Dec 1-5<sup>th</sup> by entering **Bookfair ID 12347001** at checkout.





# Accolades & Apocalypse



## Congratulations to Susan Coyle

### Coyle Receives Special Service Award

The Annual Meeting of the New York State 4-H Educators Association Conference was held in October in Hamilton, New York. Susan Coyle, 4-H Youth Development Educator, was presented with a Special Service Award by her peers.

The New York State 4-H Special Service Award recognizes members of the professional association who have developed a new technique in programming, worked successfully with new audiences, and /or have been innovative in utilizing resources, people and situations.

Susan's animal science programming has included support of a newly formed guinea pig club led by a teen leader. Additionally, she created and co-hosted the Finger Lakes Goat Field Day in collaboration with Yates and Steuben Counties with financial support from Cornell University's Willman Fund. Coyle became a certified Safety Tractor and Machinery Operation Instructor in 2016 and created a certification program in Seneca County, experiencing great success by inviting the Mennonite population to participate.

Director of NYS 4-H Youth Development, Andy Turner, shared, "My interactions with Susan are always positive and uplifting and I have been impressed by her depth of thinking and clear commitment to the Positive Youth Development goals of the 4-H program."



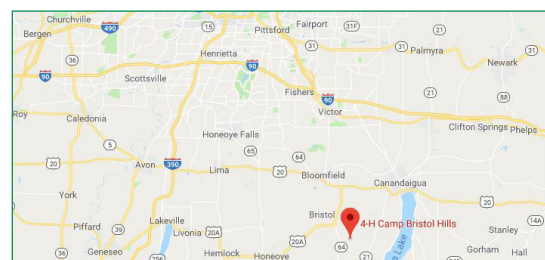
Susan Coyle

## Youth Survive the Zombie Apocalypse

4-H youth, volunteers, and educators from across New York State worked together to survive the *Zombie Apocalypse*. The event was held at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills just outside of Canandaigua, New York. Here youth learned a variety of skills that would help save them if zombies invaded. They participated in team building activities that would help them work together to ensure survival. Teen leaders Casey and Nick, from Orange County, led the youth through those experiences.

The youth participated in workshops that were all related to developing outdoor adventure skills which would come in handy if zombies caused destruction.

- Fishing Workshop
- Forest Tools and Travel Tricks
- Preparedness Workshop
- Science of Fire Workshop
- 4-H Wild Edibles
- Zombie Insects
- Outdoor Cooking



Susan Coyle

Youth seemed to enjoy their experience at the action packed weekend. They reported having fun, learning to fish better, and how to read a compass. One youth said, "I learned that you need to communicate before carrying out a plan."

Link to full Zombie Apocalypse press release is [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	CCE-MC Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. Robach Community Center, Ontario Beach Park
16	58 <sup>th</sup> Horse Awards Banquet 5:30p.m. Whittier Road Party House
22-23	CCE-MC (4-H) CLOSED for Thanksgiving holiday
<u>Dec.</u>	
1	CCE-MC Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Greece location) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3	4-H Horse Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. CCE-MC Conference Room
24-25	CCE-MC (4-H) CLOSED for Christmas holiday
<u>Jan.</u>	
1	CCE-MC CLOSED (4-H) for New Year's Day
18	Deadline to register for Teen Winter Weekend (CCE-Lewis County)
21	CCE-MC CLOSED for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
<u>Feb.</u>	
15-17	Teen Winter Weekend (CCE-Lewis County)
<u>Mar.</u>	
2	Horse Extravaganza / District Dairy Bowl
18-22	Agricultural Literacy Week
30	District Presentations at Midlakes School, Clifton Springs ( <i>tentative</i> )
<u>Apr.</u>	
5-7	STARR Retreat
<u>May</u>	
4	Animal Crackers at Cornell University
<u>July</u>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Annual 4-H Expo at Ontario Beach Park PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! ALL 4-H CLUBS SHOULD PARTICIPATE!</b>
<u>Aug.</u>	
2-4	Monroe County Fair

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## Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County

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### Monroe County 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting

**Date:** Monday, December 3, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Conference Room - CCE-MC

**Questions?**

**Contact Tara at [tld4@cornell.edu](mailto:tld4@cornell.edu)**