



# MONROE COUNTY 4-H Herald

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## 2018 4-H Horse Awards

### 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.





# 2018 4-H Horse Awards



## 58<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Horse Awards Banquet

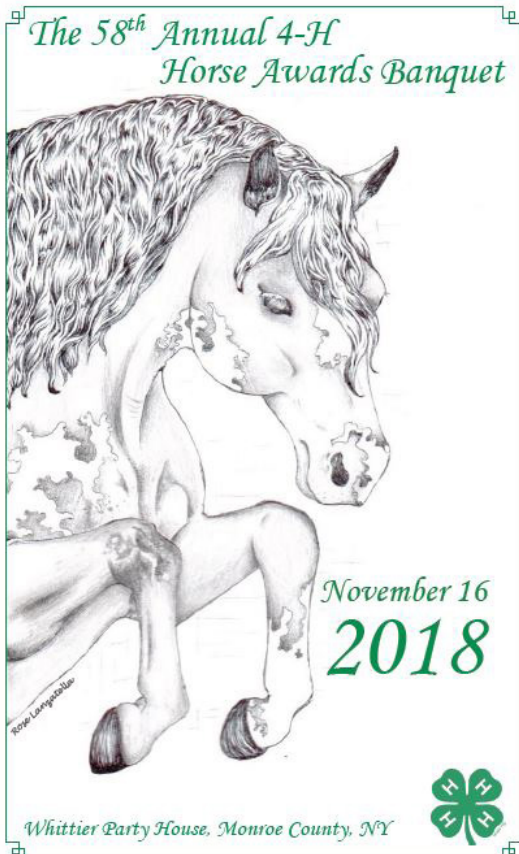


The Monroe County 4-H Horse Program celebrates their program each fall with a festive awards dinner. This year we welcomed just under 100 attendees to our event. We were pleased to move this event to a party house this year where families and friends could enjoy dinner, socialize, and meet other members.

The event highlights all of the accomplishments of our county 4-H Horse Program. Recognition is given to members for a variety of accomplishments. Members are acknowledged for their participation in our horse educational events including horse bowl, hippology, horse communications, and horse judging.

Additionally, members who have completed the educational and hands on requirements of our 5-star program received their star awards. Members who participated in riding activities are recognized for their achievements in local and state horse shows.

The night also recognizes youth for some of our larger perpetual awards and scholarships. Recipients of our perpetual awards for the 2018 program year are Kay Bar Baby Memorial Project Horse Award was awarded to Willowmina Wallflower the project horse of Ava C.



The Walker Hunter Jr. Outstanding Novice Award was awarded to both Alexis S. and Addie W. The Frank Bono Sportsmanship Award was awarded to Rose L.

The Community Service Award was awarded to both Ponies 4-H Club and Hilton Horsemen 4-H Club.

Please review the achievements of our members for their hard work over the past year by accessing the program by the link to the left.

Many thanks to our volunteers who coordinated this outstanding event. Both Jen S and Mary H took great care in assuring that all details of the night were covered.

As we begin 2019, we look forward to another outstanding year working with the amazing youth in our 4-H Horse program. Keep up the great work!



Click the event program cover above to view the full program online.





# 2018 4-H Horse Awards







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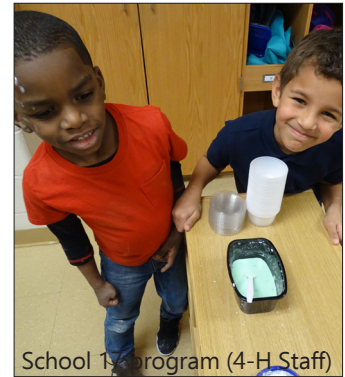
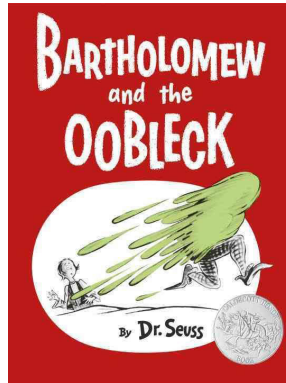
## STEM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### 4-H Educators Provide Programs to Rochester City Schools

Extension 4-H educators began visits to first grade classes at School 17 to provide STEM programming.

*We had a very messy first lesson of Oobleck, of which the main ingredient is corn starch. We read about Oobleck and students moved like Oobleck.*  
- Susan Coyle, 4-H Educator

A mixture of cornstarch and water, Oobleck has properties of both solids and liquids. You can slowly dip your hand into it like a liquid, but if you squeeze the Oobleck or punch it, it will feel solid.



School 17 program (4-H Staff)



School 25 program (4-H Staff)

The Garden Club at School 25 is learning indoors for the winter. Using virtual reality (VR) headsets, these sixth grade students visited a dairy farm, climbed Mt. Everest and hiked in a national park.

Kindergarteners & first graders with the YMCA after-school program at School 8 received their first lesson in animal science. They learned about farm animals and the terms used for the male, female and offspring of each. The program concluded with a stretch and a song.



School 8 (stock photo)



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**The Monroe County 4-H Ag 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.

Please share the following contact information:  
Susan Coyle, 4-H Youth Development Educator, [smc226@cornell.edu](mailto:smc226@cornell.edu) or 585-753-2550



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## STEM & AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### Gallery: 4-H STEM at Friendship Children's Center

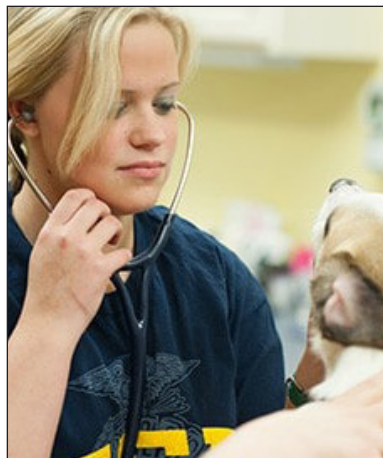


Photos by 4-H Staff

### Ag in the Classroom Career Exploration



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Sixty fifth and sixth grade students from Churchville-Chili Middle School were introduced to agriculture-related careers, including forestry, veterinary science and agronomy.



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## New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program

Day-old Pheasant Chicks are available to be raised and released this spring.  
For detailed information on how to raise these birds, please visit:

[on.ny.gov/1Jl4fir](http://on.ny.gov/1Jl4fir)

### PHEASANT PROGRAM VISION

To meet the current and future needs of people for pheasant hunting, observation, and educational opportunities within biological constraints and consistent with available funding.

### KEY PROGRAM POINTS

- The DEC distributes 60,000 or more day-old chicks annually.
- Anyone can apply to participate in the Day-old Pheasant Chick Program.
- Participants must have the appropriate brooding facility and outdoor rearing pen.
- Release sites must be open to public pheasant hunting.
- Birds may not be released on private shooting preserves.
- Applications for chicks must be submitted by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Participants must become familiar with Day-old Pheasant Chick Program guide.
- Day-old pheasant chicks are provided to participants in April, May, or June.
- Pheasants must be released at eight weeks of age or older, but no later than end of the pheasant hunting season.
- Pheasants provided to participants may not be bought, sold or traded.



This is a great way to learn more about wildlife management strategies. For more information or to order pheasants, please contact Susan Coyle at [smc226@cornell.edu](mailto:smc226@cornell.edu) by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## A Message from 4-H Educator Tara Defendorf-Kuba

### Happy New Year 4-H Friends and Families,

I hope that you had a holiday season filled with joy and peace. It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I will be leaving my position at Monroe County 4-H. It has been the greatest honor and privilege to support and work with you over the past few years.

As we all know, 4-H is about building communities that provide support for the young people we serve and those who care about them. It is about youth, friends, families, and neighborhoods helping each other and providing opportunities for all to grow. I am proud to be included in this 4-H community, to have expanded this community and to continue to support it in different ways moving forward.

As a 4-H alumni, I will always hold the values of 4-H near and dear to me. I will always be part of our 4-H community and look forward to seeing all of you at various events. I look forward to watching all of you continue to grow and thrive.

Our 4-H program has grown substantially over the past few years and I look forward to hearing of further expansion in the future. The program is in excellent hands with outstanding staff and a supportive director who all want to watch our 4-H program continue to grow and meet the needs of youth in Monroe County.

I have accepted a new position at another local nonprofit organization where I will combine my passions of helping others, teaching horseback riding, and horses. I am certain that I will still see many of you out and about, and look forward to hearing your new, exciting 4-H stories.

Above all, at this time of transition, please remember that you are the heart of our 4-H program. Our members, their families, and those who support them are what makes our program amazing. Continue to keep up the great work and be well!

# 2019 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship Information



## Applicant Guidelines:

- 2019 graduating high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry
- Live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue
- Family Farm Bureau membership or student Farm Bureau membership is required and may accompany application

## Process and Procedure:

- Applications and information available at [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) or by calling 1-800-342-4143
- Students are required to complete an application which is a fillable pdf available on the NYFB website and submit a brief 300-500 word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue
- Completed application packets must be returned to New York Farm Bureau in Albany. March 1, 2019 post-mark deadline or via email.

A District level competition will be held. The judging will take place prior to April 20, 2019. Each District winner will receive \$100 plus a memento of their selection.

State winner selection will be made from District winners, based solely on the submitted applications; there will be no personal interviews.

**\$1500, \$1200, and \$1000 Scholarships will be awarded.**

For more information visit [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org) or call 1-800-342-4143.



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OF HONEY BEES, INC.

## 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

Sponsored by:  
Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees

**Submission Deadline: March 1, 2019**

2019 Essay Topic: Honey Varietals, State to State

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.

In your essay, please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

[Download the complete call for entries with competition rules and essay requirements.](#)

## WE ALL LIVE IN A WATERSHED POSTER CONTEST



DEC and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are sponsoring a "We All Live in a Watershed" poster contest that is open to all middle school students. Fourteen winners will have the honor of having their artwork in a calendar which will be distributed across New York State.

Posters must contain original hand-drawn artwork - no computer-generated posters or graphics. Copyrighted characters (such as Superman, Batman, etc.) and clip art will not be accepted.

You can find more information on DEC's We All Live in a Watershed Poster Contest [webpage](#), and in the [poster contest announcement](#).

**Deadline for Receipt of Posters is  
Friday, January 11, 2019**



# 2019 Save-the-Dates



## 3rd Annual 4-H EXPO

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

The 2019 4-H Expo will be held at Ontario Beach Park at Charlotte in Rochester. The main purpose of the event is to highlight the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers and to encourage more families to enroll their children in 4-H.

The event will include giveaways, crafts, and activities, as well as demonstrations by members of our 4-H clubs. 4-H projects will be judged at this event.

*More information to follow soon.*

**All clubs should plan to attend the event.**

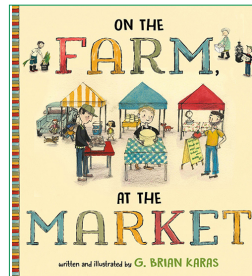
Let's show everyone the positive aspects of the 4-H Program in Monroe County!



New York  
Agriculture  
in the Classroom  
agclassroom.org/ny

## Agricultural Literacy Week

**Monday, March 18 - Friday, March 22, 2019**



In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders.

If you would like to volunteer to read to a local 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, please contact the 4-H Office at [monroe4H@cornell.edu](mailto:monroe4H@cornell.edu) by **Friday, March 8.**

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

**Friday, February 15 to  
Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**Location: Oswegatchie Educational Center,**  
Croghan, NY

Event is for NYS 4-H'ers ages 13 to 19

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.**

## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

*The Premier Youth Development  
Opportunity of the Department of Agriculture*

**Saturday, April 6 – Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**Location: 4-H National Conference Center  
Washington, D.C.**

National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world.

Registration to attend the National 4-H Conference is coordinated through each state's 4-H program office. Youth and adult participants are selected by their respective state 4-H program and attend the conference as part of a group delegation. NO individual registrations are accepted.

**Applications are due Friday, January 18, 2019**

More information [HERE](#).



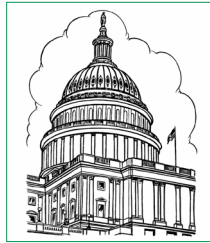


# 2019 Save-the-Dates



## 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.

***New this year: Photography Skills & Careers***

Applications now available [HERE](#).

## FORESTRY WEEKEND

**Friday, May 3, 2019 - Sunday, May 5, 2019**

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition. This event is for youth aged 10 & up (plus staff & volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2018 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

Learn more about the national event [HERE](#).

Location:  
4-H Camp Shankitunk  
2420 Arbor Hill Rd  
Delhi, NY 13753

## Capital Days

**Saturday, May 19 - Sunday, May 20**

Are you interested in learning about New York State government first hand?

Apply to be a delegate for the Monroe County 4-H program and attend the 2019 4-H Capital Days! Contact the 4-H Office at [monroe4H@cornell.edu](mailto:monroe4H@cornell.edu) by Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to express your interest.

## MORE EXCITING EVENTS

(links, if available)

### YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE:

**(Genesee County 4-H)**

Saturdays, January 5 - March 30

### ANNUAL SPRING 4-H RABBIT SHOW:

**(Orleans County 4-H)**

March 16 - Orleans County Fairgrounds

### TSC PAPER CLOVER 2019:

March 27 - April 7 & October 9 - 20

### GLOBAL CHALLENGE:

**THE NY YOUTH INSTITUTE:**

March 29, registration due February 27

### STARR RETREAT 2019:

April 5 - April 7, NYS Fairgrounds

### ANIMAL CRACKERS 2019 @ Cornell U:

May 4 - Horses & Poultry

### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM WORK TEAM:

May 10 - May 11, Buffalo, NY

### CAREER EXPLORATIONS 2019:

June 25 - June 27, Cornell U.

### AGRI-BUSINESS CAREER CONFERENCE:

October 17 - October 18, SUNY Cobleskill



## 4-H Public Presentations

Here is a great opportunity to share information about a topic that you enjoy and know a lot about with other 4-H members. This is a great chance to have fun, meet new people, work on your organizational skills, and develop your public speaking skills. Youth of all ages are welcome to take part.

New to 4-H Public Presentations or need a refresher? Plan to attend 4-H Public Presentations training being held at CCE-MC on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Please **REGISTER** by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

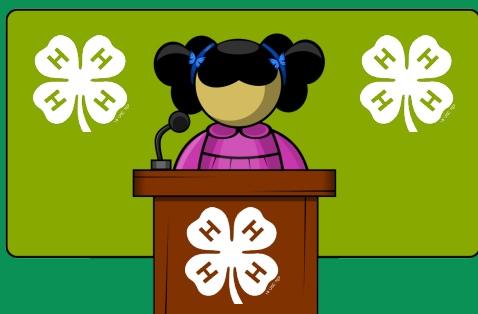
Are you an experienced presenter? Please consider coming to share your knowledge as a junior leader. Contact Susan to help with the planning.

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., we will hold the Monroe County Public Presentations event at CCE-MC. *Look for information in February to register for this event.*

For youth who have previous commitments on Saturdays, a make-up date of Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (evening) is being offered. If neither date works, please contact Susan Coyle ASAP at [smc226@cornell.edu](mailto:smc226@cornell.edu) to find a way to participate.

### Types of Presentations

- **CLOVERBUDS:** 1-3 minutes. "Show & Tell." Use of a visual (poster/prop) is recommended.
- **ILLUSTRATED TALK:** Use visual aids to talk about a topic. Recommended for beginners. Good for all ages.
- **DEMONSTRATION:** Show how to do or make something. Recommended for beginners. Good for all ages.
- **SPEECH:** Deliver an original speech intended to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience. Good choice for ages 12+ who have done Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks.
- **DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION:** Re-enact a piece of scripted materials individually or in a team. Good choice for ages 12+ who have done Demon- strations & Illustrated Talks.
- **RECITATION:** Recite a pre-written work using vocal inflection & body language. Good choice for ages 12+ who have done Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks.
- **IMPROMPTU:** Ready for a challenge?! Pull a topic from a hat & use 20 minutes to prepare a presenta- tion. Great choice for ages 13+ who have at least 2 years of experience in Public Presentations.



More information found [HERE](#).

Contact Susan Coyle, 4-H Educator with any questions at [smc226@cornell.edu](mailto:smc226@cornell.edu)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	CCE-MC CLOSED (4-H) for New Year's Day
5	Youth Tractor Safety course begins for registered attendees
6	Horse Bowl Practice, Heritage Christian Stables 3:15 p.m. (see below)
18	Deadline to register for Teen Winter Weekend (CCE-Lewis County)
21	CCE-MC CLOSED for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
22	Horse Bowl Practice, Heritage Christian Stables, 6:30 p.m. (see below)
<u>Feb.</u>	
4	Monroe County 4-H Advisory, CCE-MC Conference Room, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
8	Deadline to RSVP for Public Presentations Training
15-17	Teen Winter Weekend, CCE-Lewis
20	Public Presentations Training, CCE-MC, 10 a.m.
22-24	NE Regional Workshop, Shooting Sports, CCE-Saratoga
27	Registration Deadline for The NY Youth Institute
<u>Mar.</u>	
2	Horse Extravaganza / District Dairy Bowl (tentative)
8	Deadline to volunteer for Ag Literacy Week
16	Annual Spring 4-H Rabbit Show, Orleans County Fairgrounds
18-22	Agricultural Literacy Week
27-31	TSC Paper Clover (through April 7)
30	District Presentations at Midlakes School, Clifton Springs (tentative)

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**REMINDER:  
March Dog Madness  
will not be held in 2019**



**Location:**

Heritage Christian Stables  
1103 Salt Rd, Webster

**Questions?** Contact Niki  
[nikiwhilden@gmail.com](mailto:nikiwhilden@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

	Event
<u>Apr.</u> 5-7	STARR Retreat
<u>May</u> 4	Animal Crackers, Cornell U.
<u>June</u> 25-27	Career Explorations, Cornell U.
<u>July</u> 14	<b>Annual 4-H Expo at Ontario Beach Park ALL 4-H CLUBS SHOULD PARTICIPATE!</b>
<u>Aug.</u> 2-4	Monroe County Fair
21-31	The Great New York State Fair
<u>Sept.</u> 1-2	The Great New York State Fair
<u>Oct.</u> 9-20	TSC Paper Clover
17-18	Agri-Business Career Conference, SUNY Cobleskill

*Must love dogs!*



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

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**K-9 KIDS**

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

DEAR 4-H MEMBERS PLEASE SAVE  
THE DATE

**FOR THE 2019  
4-H  
COMMUNI-  
CATION  
INSTITUTE**

June 1-2, 2019, Cornell University

TWO TRACKS, CORNELL STUDENT  
SUPPORT, OVERNIGHT STAY, \$165

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

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