

# Schoharie County 4-H **CHRONICLE**

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\* *Announcing...* \*  
\* **Growing** \*  
\* **Together** \*  
\* Family Gardening \*  
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\* Growing Together is a new opportunity for 4-H families to explore gardening with assistance of experts at Cornell Cooperative Extension. No prior gardening experience is necessary, just a desire to grow a garden and learn by doing.

\* Growing Together is an experience that takes place throughout the entire gardening season. Spring meetings will be held on March 17, April 21 and May 20 at the Extension Center in Cobleskill and will cover important garden preparation topics such as: garden location, selecting varieties to grow, how to start seeds, making better soil, tool care and weed control. Each meeting will include an

educational session featuring experts from Schoharie County Master Gardener Volunteers, hands-on activities and experiments, plus take home activities and goodies to help you with planning and planting.

During summer months, families will work independently caring for their gardens, keeping garden journals, doing garden experiments and exhibiting at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. Master Gardener Volunteers will be available throughout the growing season to help with problems and questions. In September, families will have the opportunity to share their experiences during a Harvest Dinner.

By enrolling in Growing Together your family gets:

- Direct access to the expertise of Cornell Cooperative Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Hands-on garden based activities for activities for youth and adults to do together
- In depth education on topics such as botany, soil science, garden planning, horticulture, plant science
- Garden related goodies to help you with your gardening
- Access to the resources of Cornell University and other land grant universities around the U.S.
- Opportunities to participate in 4-H activities
- Access to educational programs offered through Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties

***Growing Together***  
***Registration Begins February 13.***  
***There is a \$10 per family fee.***

***Meeting Schedule:***  
***March 17, Garden Planning***  
***April 20, Exploring Soil and Water***  
***May 20, Planting Time***  
***June– July, Time in the Garden***  
***July-Aug. Exhibit at the Fair***  
***September, Harvest Dinner***



Registration will be available starting February 13. There is a one-time fee of \$10.00 per family to participate. Advance registration is requested. For more details please contact Leslie Rigley at 518-234-4303.

# Club News

## Green Tree Cloverbuds

The Green Tree Cloverbuds have been very busy this year. Our club members are as follows: Alexandria Lincoln, Amber Wyckoff, Ben Ballard, Brianna Carvin, Brooke Lincoln, Dylan Sorensen, Hannah Sulas, Jaylen Lampron, John Ballard, Kelsey Burton, Leah Wyckoff, Madeline Schuyler, Tyler Sorensen, and William Sulas.

We started the year off taking a trip to visit McCoy's Honey Bees. We learned all about bees and how they make honey. We also saw all the honey products that can be made. In November we learned about pine cones. How some pine cones have pollen pockets and others have seeds. We also learned how you can eat the seeds from some pine cones (pine nuts). Then we made pine cone decorations. In December we had a Christmas Party where we decorated cookies and made ornaments. In January we made 4H hats and scarfs with fleece. We are currently practicing for our public presentations in February and have exciting events planned for the rest of the year.



## Driftwood Riders

The Driftwood Riders is having a horse judging clinic February 26 at 2 pm. It will be held at Emanuel Stables. The Club is going roller skating in March and are volunteering at the animal shelter in April to help walk dogs and bringing a donation.

President- Megan Krisowaty  
VP- Emma Keating  
Secretary- Deryn DiMarco  
Treasurer- Hannah Wetsell  
Club Reporters- Rebecca Panzera  
Emily VanDervalk

## Cloverbuddies

Cloverbuddies met on January 29. Two new members Jah'nobia Holmes and Bryana Jangro joined and fun was had by all. We made rainbow hearts to hang in the window and hackey sacks. We snacked on vanilla ice cream. Our next meeting is February 26 and we will be making dog treats and then we will meet on March 18 for woodworking.

## Critter Fusion

Critter Fusion is already half way through the 4-H year! The beginning of our year started off on a good hoof! We elected officers at our first meeting. Those are; President- Matt Kelley, Vice President- Madelynn Badger, Secretary- Katerina Weingarten, Treasure- Mathilda Scott. This year we are focusing on running our meetings by 4-H rules and having everyone learn the 4-H pledge.

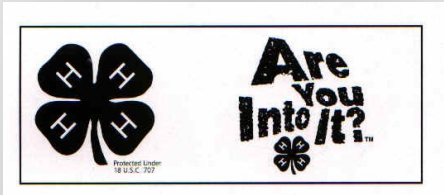
We've been busy going on field trips and doing projects. We went to Southwind Farms in Otego. There, we saw and learned about Golden Guernsey goats, and Jacob Sheep. They also grow Tilapia fish hydroponically. It was a very interesting trip!

This year, we are using Veterinary Science study books to learn what is involved in being a vet. We also made dog pull toys out of braided fleece material. We gave those toys to the animal shelter. On our most recent trip, we visited an Agricultural Museum in Cambridge, NY. Mr. Richard McGuire, former Commissioner of Agriculture for New York State, has been collecting farm implements and all sorts of antique household goods, books, and tools for many years. He invites groups to tour his collections and hear his stories. One of the most interesting items was an entire post office from a real place called Bedlam Corners. It was a grand trip! Some upcoming events are making homemade pretzel sticks, tackling a sewing project and getting ready for kidding, hatching, calving, farrowing, and show season!

Respectfully submitted by: Madelynn Badger



*Critter Fusion at the Agricultural Museum with former Commissioner of Agriculture, Richard McGuire.*



## From the Science Professors:

During the months of December and January the Science Professors were able to work with two sets of Lego Robotic kits on loan from Cornell University. During our December meeting, eight students made up Science Professors and their friends, worked as two teams to each develop a portion of the Lego Robot. Each student played a very important part in helping to design the working unit!

During our January meeting, two full Lego Robotic kits were available for design and usage. Jacob and Dylan, and Elyza and Emily worked as two separate teams. Each team created a working robot that was then programmed, by the students, to move around a colored map/maze! Congratulations to all the students that successfully worked their working robot!

During the month of February, the Science Professors have selected weather as their topic of study!!

If you have any questions about joining our group, please contact Eileen at the 4-H office or Jill Thompson at 607-397-8884.

The 4-H Chronicle is published monthly by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. 4-H members, club leaders and volunteers are encouraged to submit activity reports by the 15th of each month. Submissions can be emailed to Schoharie@cornell.edu or mailed or hand delivered to 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill, NY 12043

**Your 4-H Staff**

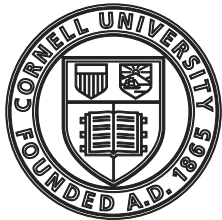
Eileen McGuire–  
4-H Youth Development Program Leader  
Leslie Rigley– Community Educator

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**Career Explorations, June 26– 28, Cornell University**

Career Explorations is a three day program on the Cornell Campus for 4-H members in grades 8 through 12. Youth in grades 8, 9 spend three days in University U, several career related topics. Youth in grades 10 –12 participate in Focus for Teens and spend three days concentrating on one of nearly a dozen career related subjects. Career Explorations also include recreational and social opportunities, the chance to tour the Cornell Campus, meet with Cornell and Cooperative Extension faculty and make new friends.

Registration begins February 24 and runs through April. Some Focus for Teens programs fill up quickly. The cost for the program is tentatively set at \$150 per youth. Scholarships are available. Please contact Eileen at 518-234-4303 for registration materials for more information.



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# What's Coming Up

All Events will take place at the Extension Center in Cobleskill unless otherwise indicated. Call the 4-H Office for details.

Event	date	registration deadline
4-H Program Committee Meeting	2/8	
Public Presentations	2/11	2/6
Sew Much Better	2/21, 22	Call Leslie
Cloverbuds Can Cook-2	2/20	2/15
Horse Quiz Bowl-Off	2/24	
Horse Club Leader Meeting	3/15	
Growing Together- Session 1, Garden Planning	3/17	3/10
Regional Horse Quiz Bowl, Guilderland H.S.	3/17	
Ag and Environment Day, SUNY Cobleskill	3/24	
Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl, Ballston Spa H.S.	3/31	
April Adventures	4/10	3/16
Regional Horse Communications, Tamarack H.S.	4/14	
Regional Hippology Contest, Tamarack H.S.	4/14	
Cornell Vet School Open House, Cornell University	4/14	
Equine Extravaganza, Voorheesville	4/14	
Growing Together- Session 2, Exploring Soil & Water	4/21	
NYS Horse Quiz Bowl Contest, Cornell University	4/21	
NYS Dairy Quiz Bowl, Cornell University	4/28	
Regional Poultry School, Voorheesville	4/28	

**Sew Much Better- February 21 from 2 to 5 and February 22 from 9 to noon at the Extension Center in Cobleskill.**

Two sessions of hands on instruction to give 4-H members tips and techniques for improving their sewing projects. There is no fee, but please call and talk to Leslie about workshop topics and supplies. Call 518-234-4303.

**Cloverbuds Can Cook -2, February 20 at the Extension Center**

A special workshop for ages 5 to 8. Cloverbuds will learn about food safety, conduct some food science experiments, and make some delicious dishes including: cheesy microwave scrambled eggs; blueberry muffins, a no bake dessert, and a blender smoothie.

This workshop is open to any Cloverbud aged youth, including anyone who participated in the January Class. Parents are invited to stay and help with preparing recipes. Choose between either morning: 9:30 to noon **OR** afternoon: 1 to 3:30. The fee is \$5.00 per child. The registration deadline is Feb. 15. Call the 4-H Office at 518-234-4303 or 518-296-8310 to register or for more information.

## April Adventures is Back!



Once again the Schoharie County Youth Bureau and the Schoharie 4-H program are teaming up to offer April Adventures during school break in April. The Adventure begins on April 10 and runs through April 13.

The tentative program schedule is:

Tuesday, April 10. A day at Minekill Park including: archery, hiking, geocaching  
Wednesday, April 11. A day at the Schoharie River Center including: Fishing, forest and river ecology

Thursday, April 12. A less active day including: arts and crafts, science activities, hiking/birdwatching.

Friday, April 13. An energetic ending at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown including: Project Adventure, or Rock Climbing.

The fee for the program is \$60 for the week. Any family needing financial assistance, especially families who were affected by the floods are encouraged to contact 4-H or the Youth Bureau about scholarship opportunities. Registration materials will be available starting February 27 and the registration deadline is March 16. April Adventures is open to any Schoharie County youth between the ages of 9 and 15. Youth who are over 15, and have participated previously in April Adventures may inquire about leadership positions.

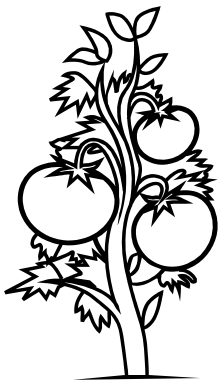
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## Become a 4-H Vegetable Marketing Gardener !



The Schoharie County 4-H Program and Price Chopper Stores are pleased to announce the launch of the 2012 4-H Price Chopper Vegetable Marketing Program. This long running project provides youth with the opportunity to grow and sell vegetables through Price Chopper. Youth are provided with seeds or tomato plants through Golub (Price Chopper) Corporation and 4-H provides garden and marketing assistance to growers. This opportunity is available to all Schoharie County youth between the ages of 5 and 19. Youth need not be currently enrolled in 4-H to participate.

Participation is simple. Just contact the Schoharie 4-H Office for a registration packet, complete the packet with your garden plan and return the application by March 1. Seeds will be available in April, tomato plants will be distributed in May. An orientation session will take place at Golub Warehouse in Rotterdam on Monday, February 13 at 7 pm for all new growers.

**Orientation Meeting at  
Golub Warehouse on  
Monday,  
February 13 at 7 pm**

**Applications are  
deadline is March 1.**

For more information, or to obtain a registration packet, please contact Leslie at the Schoharie County 4-H Office at 518-234-4303 or at 518-296-8310.