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## Interim director named for CCE Livingston

BY BEN BEAGLE  
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Tess McKinley, executive director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Stuenkel County, is stepping in to also lead CCE of Livingston County for the next six months.

McKinley, a former Livingston County resident, was named recently to serve as interim executive director of CCE of Livingston County following the departure of Julie R. Spiers, who had served as executive director for about two years.

McKinley, executive director of CCE Stuenkel since 2019, will split time between the two Extension associations until CCE Livingston can hire a permanent replacement.

"I'm happy to support the very capable CCE Livingston team as they move forward to support the needs of the county," McKinley said in a news release.

CCE Livingston has 14 staff members who will continue to offer the association's regular programs. CCE Stuenkel has a staff of 43 overseen by McKinley.

CCE Livingston has discussed a search committee to seek a replacement and expects to begin formally advertising for the position in the coming weeks.

Spiers had been executive director of CCE Livingston since June 2020. She said at the time she was drawn to the position of CCE Livingston to help families and communities thrive.

She left the organization at the end of May and began a new position June 6 as executive director of the Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center in Hampton Roads, Va. She is also serving as vice president of small business for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

Spiers' selection for the Hampton Roads position followed a national search, according to a news release from the Hampton Roads SBOC.

"Spiers said in the release that the position was a tremendous opportunity to help continue to robustly support the small-business owners and entrepreneurs" which plays "a singular role" in the region's economy and vitality.

Spiers also moved to be closer to family, according to the CCE Livingston Official.

Spiers had previously lived in Hampton Roads for seven years before relocating in 1965 to attend the University of Mississippi where she received a bachelor's degree in pest control in 1969. She later earned a master's of business administration from the



Tess McKinley

ter before going to Stuenkel County.

McKinley lives in Bath near the CCE Stuenkel office. She is very involved in the community. She is secretary of the Downman Literary Board of Trustees in Bath, the 2022 president of Bath Rotary Club, a board member of the Institute of Human Services Inc., and a member of the Stuenkel Human Services Committee. She is also a member of the Stuenkel Farm Bureau and the Finger Lakes Farm Country committee.

McKinley continues to take part in CCE programs. She is a Master Money Mentor through the Financial Education Program and a Master Gardener through the Agricultural Program.

In October 2021, McKinley was selected to the Appalachian Leadership Institute for the 2021-2022 class. Only 40 people in 13 states are selected for this honor. She has been traveling to different parts of the Appalachian area for the seminars to train on how to better support and grow various industries. The two-month program ends in July.

McKinley was recognized by the County Area Chamber of Commerce with a Young Professional Leadership Award, which is presented to an individual, 40 years of age or younger, who demonstrates growing excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession or field, is engaged in the community, shows a strong commitment to good business practices, and serves as a role model for other young professionals both personally and professionally.

She was also named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Bath in June 2020.

She previously worked for Catholic Charities of Stuenkel and the Institute for Human Services in a variety of roles related to emergency assistance, volunteerism, communication, substance abuse education and justice and peace.

McKinley earned a bachelor's

## CCE Livingston director graduates from multi-state Leadership Institute

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Tess McKinley, interim director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County, is among 39 fellows who recently graduated from the Appalachian Regional Commission's Appalachian Leadership Institute.

The institute is a leadership and economic development program sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission, which includes 13 states in the northeast.

The fellows will serve their communities through civil service, finance, healthcare, recovery, tourism, and other public and private sector roles.

McKinley, who is also the executive director of CCE of Stuenkel County, was selected in October 2021 for the Leadership Institute and in the past nine months has traveled to different parts of the Appalachian area for seminars to train on how to better support and grow various industries.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from the Appalachian Regional Commission and from other leaders in Appalachia," McKinley said in a news release. "I look forward to supporting efforts to help our region grow."

Member of the Institute's Class of 2022 graduated during a July 28 ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"Over the past nine months, this dynamic group of changemakers has dedicated themselves to sharing and building the knowledge needed to create long-lasting impacts on the region, all while growing camaraderie that will help bridge partnerships across state and county lines long after graduation," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "These fellows have a lot of work ahead of them in their own communities, and ARC looks forward to cheering them on as they use the skills gleaned during their time at the Appalachian Leadership Institute to help bolster the economic strength and vitality of the region."

In the months leading up to graduation, fellows participated in three virtual sessions and three in-person



Tess McKinley

son sessions, all of which included skill-building seminars with regional experts, peer-to-peer learning, and case study analysis. All aspects of the curriculum were designed to equip fellows with the knowledge and network needed to create positive change in their communities.

"The hard work and dedication that each and every one of you have put in during the last nine months has better prepared you to effectively serve your communities in a different number of fields," said ARC States' Co-Chair Governor Larry Hogan. "We are excited to see all the positive change that you, along with the rest of the Appalachian Leadership Institute Alumni Network, will drive in your local communities."

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McKinley, executive director of CCE Stuenkel since 2019, will split time between the two Extension associations until CCE Livingston can hire a permanent replacement. CCE Livingston has formed a search committee to seek a replacement.

McKinley, a Stuenkel County native, earned a bachelor of science degree in education from SUNY Geneseo. She also has a master of science degree in management from Keuka College.

She spent four years living in Geneseo and Leicester before going to Stuenkel County. McKinley lives in Bath.

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## CCE Steuben takes lead role for Finger Lakes Shared Business Network

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County recently has taken charge of the Finger Lakes Shared Business Network (SBN) as the lead organization. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County was formerly in charge of the Finger Lakes SBN.

The Finger Lakes SBN consists of Cooperative Extension associations in the counties of Steuben, Livingston, Yates, Wayne, Ontario, Schuyler and Seneca. The shared business functions include IT, finance and human resources.

CCE Steuben Executive Director Tess McKinley says, "CCE Steuben is grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve other CCE associations in the Finger Lakes region. We are honored to have been chosen to support the seven counties in our area and look forward to what is to come with the Shared Business Network. We inherited a wonderful team which will be key to our success."

CCE Steuben Executive Director Tess McKinley, who is also interim executive director of CCE Livingston, said in a news release.

With CCE Steuben as the lead organization of the seven counties, they are acquiring three new staff members: John Bouwens, Finger Lakes SBN finance lead; Kelsey James, Finger Lakes SBN human resources lead; and Scott Mantelli, Finger Lakes SBN IT lead.

Shared Business Networks were created several years ago to provide an updated infrastructure for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations statewide. Associations participating in the SBNs have access to competent, knowledgeable human resources, and IT. The SBN leads have access to training, trouble shooting, and business practice development with on-campus administrators.

CCE administration works through the local SBN functional leads. The functional leads work directly with association staff to address needs as they arise. The vision creates a structure that provides increased effectiveness at reduced transaction costs, both

locally and at Cornell. Another outcome of this vision is to better position CCE in ways that will enhance the sustainability of programming in difficult economic times.

Regular mechanisms are in place for each statewide group of functional leads to communicate via conference call or other electronic means one or two times per month.

These connections provide a forum for a statewide team approach to addressing issues and problem solving and assure SBN leads are kept current on matters that will affect local CCE association business. "Lead" executive directors of SBNs also meet monthly via conference calls. CCE administration functional leads and staff facilitate these meetings.

When significant business practices change across the system, those changes are implemented through the SBN functional leads instead of the former practice of dealing with all 57 counties individually and simultaneously. The SBN infrastructure allows for a communication "pathway" between CCE administration and the SBN leads and then between the SBN leads and associations. This feedback mechanism provides CCE administration with information from the field on topics such as which options will work best, how to deploy a change, how to fix a problem, etc. When an association experiences a business related problem or question, the appropriate SBN functional lead is the first contact and serves in the role of relaying information to CCE Administration when needed.



Kelsey James



John Bouwens



Scott Mantelli



Three Livingston County 4-H members were selected to represent New York State on a team at a national poultry judging competition. Pictured, from left, are Rian de Wit, Audrey de Wit, and Emily Vattimo.

## Livingston County 4-H's named to national poultry team

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
Three Livingston County 4-H members have been named to the National 4-H Poultry Judging Team.

Emily Vattimo, Audrey de Wit, and Rian de Wit will join a fourth team member to represent New York State 4-H at the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference. The group will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, in November to compete in the Poultry Judging Contest.

The group earned their place on the team by competing in the 4-H Poultry Science Con-

test at the New York State Fair. Emily finished in first place with Audrey and Rian following in second and third place, respectively. While the trio have competed as juniors for the past five years, they participated as seniors this year. This year's event also added two new stations – providing an additional challenge.

The November competition will feature youth from across the country. Each team will compete in eight stations ranging from poultry judging, parts identification, egg grading, carcass

grading, and parts grading. In addition to the contest, youth will attend a career opportunities workshop, tour Louisville, meet with youth from other states, and attend an awards banquet.

"I could not be more proud of Emily, Audrey, and Rian! They have put in a tremendous amount of work over the last few years and it shows," 4-H Educator Jennifer Schwab said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to not only coach them for the state contest, but to be leading them through to Nationals."

## Livingston County 4-H awards 'Outstanding Members'

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
Alyssa Healy and Molly Milliken have been named Livingston County Outstanding 4-H Members for 2022.

This is the highest award given for 4-H achievement and overall involvement in the Livingston County 4-H Program.

"Alyssa and Molly have embraced the many opportunities 4-H has to offer throughout their 4-H careers," said Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer. "Through 4-H they have explored new interests, served others, crafted leadership and public speaking skills, faced and overcome adversity, and always strived to improve. Their individual 4-H journeys have helped each grow into competent, caring, and compassionate young adults who will make a positive impact on others."

Alyssa has been a Livingston County 4-H member for seven years. She has participated and excelled in the community service, public speaking, leadership, rabbit, dairy, beef, sheep, chicken, and swine project areas. She has also participated in a variety of county and state events

including Produced in New York Food Demonstrations, Public Presentations, New York State STARR Planning Committee, and the Hemlock and State Fairs as an exhibitor and teen evaluator.

Alyssa is also a five-year member of 4-H Teen Council where she served as President for three years. During that time, she has been responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing of many Teen Council activities and community service projects.

While she had her mind set on being a doctor at a young age, the opportunities, experiences, and knowledge gained through 4-H has put her on track to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian. This will allow her to combine her passion for being a doctor with a passion for animals that she discovered through 4-H.

Molly has been a Livingston County 4-H member for six years. Like Alyssa, she has participated in a variety of project areas – including cooking, crafts, woodworking and photography. She has also participated in Produced in New York Food Demonstra-

tions, Public Presentations, the Hemlock and State Fairs, STARR, Career Explorations, various community service projects.

Molly is a five-year member of 4-H Teen Council, serving as secretary and vice president for three of those years.

Through her time in 4-H, Molly has discovered a love of photography, passion for community service and confidence to speak in front of others. She led a three-day photography workshop for tweens in her community and speaks regularly at her local library where she represents teen interest with the board members. Molly is planning to apply these interests to a college pursuit in photography and psychology.

To learn more about the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County at (585) 991-5420 or email cceliv4h@cornell.edu.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 program year is underway and runs through April 30, 2023.



Pictured, from left, 4-H Educator Renée Hopkins, Award Recipient Molly Milliken, Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer, Award Recipient Alyssa Healy, and 4-H Educator Jenn Schwab.

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## Livingston County 4-H honors 'Volunteer of the Year'

### SPECIAL TO THE LCN

Jessica Gramkee has been named the 2022 Livingston County 4-H Volunteer of the Year.

The award is presented annually to a volunteer who has made a significant positive impact on 4-H youth through their outstanding commitment and service to the 4-H Program.

Gramkee has volunteered with 4-H for five years as both a parent helper and enrolled 4-H

volunteer. She became involved in 4-H when her daughter joined the program as a Cloverbud member. As a parent helper, she attended activity nights with her daughter where she willingly helped other members with their activities and would lend a helping hand wherever needed. From parent helper, she took a brave step and started her own 4-H club serving as the club leader.

"Jessica's organizational and communication skills, along

with her positive encouragement for members trying new project areas and activities, exemplifies the model 4-H Club Leader," said 4-H Educator Renee Hopkins. "Her club members regularly participate in county-wide events and are always exploring new opportunities..."

Being a successful club leader is not where her 4-H participation and leadership ended. Along with her daughter, Gramkee was a regular attendee of

the countywide 4-H Photography Club. Having a photography background, she was more than happy to offer feedback and instruction to club members. When she was asked to co-lead the club, she jumped at the chance. The knowledge she shared with members helped them improve their own photography skills.

Gramkee has also been a member of the 4-H Advisory Committee for two years serv-

ing as co-chair and secretary. She brings a unique perspective to the committee that represents homeschool groups, Cloverbuds, the traditional 4-H club program, and the small animal program.

"Jessica is a wonderful 4-H volunteer who continues to not only challenge her club members to be their best but herself as well," Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said. "As a club leader and program advisory committee mem-

ber, she has embraced the many volunteer leadership opportunities that 4-H has to offer. As a result, Jessica is making many positive contributions and impacts on our program."

To learn more about becoming a volunteer with the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact the CCE Livingston County office at (585) 991-5420 or (585) 335-1752.

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## Safety and wellness fair educates residents

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MOUNT MORRIS – Livingston County's Murray Hill Campus offered two-for-one fun on May 14. While the county's first Family Fun Fest was introducing people to Al Lorenz Park, another festival nearby allowed people to learn about safety and wellness.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County's annual safety fair took place concurrently with a portion of the Family Fun Fest.

"We really feel like education is preventive. We try to give out information to the community members that they can use, we try and make it fun, accessible information and we are also promoting this county campus so that a lot of people know where these resources are," said DeAnna Croteau of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol also attended to educate the community about what the patrol's role is within the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. The unit can assist with crowd control at community festivals, assist with searches and other tasks.

Other programs included a healthy nutrition program and members of the county's 4-H program showed visitors different aspects of the 4-H program.

In addition to the fun fam-



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**From food to all kinds of family fun, tables from a number of different agencies were set up at the safety and wellness fair held this past weekend. The event was held by Cornell Cooperative Extension and next year they are hoping to make the event even bigger.**

ily activities, Croteau said car seats were also provided to those who can not afford them. The distribution was part of a car seat safety check offered at the safety fair.

"They are very complex devices, they expire and everyone should have a car seat inspected to make sure that is not on the recalled list or expired and installed correctly," said Croteau.

Croteau said that up to 90% of car seats are installed or used incorrectly. The car seat checks were designed to change that.

"That can be the difference between a child perishing in the crash or a child coming

threw with no injuries or very minor injuries," said Croteau.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's annual National Occupant Protection Use Survey, seat belt use has steadily increased since 1994, with the record high of 86% in 2012 representing a 2% increase from the previous year. However, motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States. Of the children who died in motor vehicle crashes in 2011, 33% were not buckled up, according to CDC. Of the teens (aged 13–20 years) who died in crashes in 2012, about 55%

were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, according to a 2014 CDC report.

Croteau said in future years they are hoping to have the safety and wellness fair on the same weekend as the family festival, to give people a chance to have some fun and learn about all that Livingston County has to offer.

"These agencies can really make a difference in people's lives. I myself have a child that has a disability and I know that those agencies are assisting him in getting a CDL license, getting a job and helped him when he was younger with social skills," said Croteau.

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## 2 4-H'ers receive Ace Scholarships

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
Chandacey Crane-Yackley and Aydan Low have been named recipients of the Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2007 by Livingston County 4-H in memory of Ace, the first 4-H agent in the county. It recognizes current 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership skills and served their community through participation in the Livingston County 4-H program. Winners are awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used toward a secondary education program.

Chandacey and Aydan have both done an extraordinary job representing the characteristics that the Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship were founded on – leadership and service. Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer, "Through their involvement with 4-H Teen Council, various state-level 4-H teen leadership events, and other youth service opportunities they not only demonstrated these characteristics but are now teaching younger youth how to lead and serve."

Chandacey, a home-school student, has been a Livingston County 4-H member for nine years. As a four-year member of Teen Council, she served on the hospitality, community service, and recreation committees. She has been a two-year member of both the 4-H Advisory Committee and County Youth Board where she helped to guide youth programming in the county. She completed project work in the areas of photography, horticulture, public speaking, public presentations, woodworking, and robotics.

Through 4-H, Chandacey realized her passion for connecting with and serving her community. This passion led her to pursue a career as a Department of Environmental Conservation field officer. Chandacey is attending Finger Lakes Community College to earn her degree.

Aydan has been a 4-H member for 13 years. As a four-year member of Teen Council, he served as vice president for two years. He is a three-year member of the 4-H Advisory Committee and a two-year member of the SJMR Planning Committee where he served as an activity and group leader and voiced the perspective of 4-H teens. He has completed project work in the horticulture, food and nutrition, public speaking, public presentations, dairy, poultry, rabbits, goats, swine, and agriculture project areas.

He is attending SUNY Cobleskill pursuing a bachelor's degree in technology in animal science with a concentration in dairy management.

## Extension lists Safety Fair winners

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
MOUNT MORRIS Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County has announced the winners of its annual Safety on Wheels Coloring and Writing contest.

The winners were presented with a certificate of achievement at the official award ceremony, which took place during the Livingston County Safety and Wellness Fair on May 14. More than 350 contest entries were received from Livingston County students in 3 pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

First-place contest winners received a new bicycle and helmet. The winners were James Jordan, Colby Bodtkor, Shilo Heuer, Leahy Mathewy Gotta, Declan Millhollen, Autumn Kelley, Ava Heay, and Alexis Klenburg. Second-place winners each received front and rear bike safety lights and a new helmet. The winners were Quinn Bartholomew, Marcus DeGolyer, Lillah Kathera Brown, Jack Souner, Declan Fraser, Zoe Amoroso, Blaikley Dixon, and Mathilda Fletcher. Quinn Bartholomew also received recognition and a bike accessory kit for having the most creative entry.

More than 200 community members attended the Safety & Wellness Fair at the Livingston County Campus on Murray Hill Drive in Mount Morris.

The event featured 28 interactive stations that encouraged discussion on a variety of topics geared toward educating parents and their children about community health and safety resources and programming. Topics included helmet, bicycle and child passenger safety; community health and wellness programs; nutrition and hydration; parenting and childcare resources; gardening, insects, recycling and composting; alcohol and substance misuse education; and more.

An addition to this year's event was a helmet fitting and distribution station where every child at the fair received a properly fitted new bike helmet. Children also enjoyed learning about the Civil War from a local re-enactor, building and playing in the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts cardboard castle, and fill-

ing their sticker card at the education stations for free ice cream. All fair attendees were treated to a free healthy grilled vegetable wrap courtesy of CCE's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, make-your-own trail mix at the Master Food Preserver's station, and thirst-quenching infused water at the SNAP Educator's Hydration Station.

Agencies and organizations that participated in and helped organize this year's event included Cornell Cooperative Extension, Genesee Valley Health Partnership, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Livingston County Department of Health/WIC and MICH programs, Fidelis Care, CASA Trinity, Child Care Council, Inc., GLOW Region Solid Waste Management, Restore Sexual Assault Services, Livingston County Office for the Aging, URM Center for Community Health & Prevention, Elizabeth Wende Breast Care, Veteran's Administration, Livingston County Department of Social Services, Excellus BCBS, URM Wilmar Cancer Institute, NY Farm Net, Camp Church WNY, Genesee Valley Council of the Arts, Genesee Parish Outreach, Kidstart, Lifespan, Person Centered Services and Pregnancy Resources Center of the Valleys.

Hilltop Industries and Katherine Humphrey also provided support of the Traffic Safety Program and this year's Safety & Wellness Fair.

The Traffic Safety Education Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County offers educational programming and workshops for area residents of all ages on topics such as occupant, wheeled and pedestrian safety. The program also hosts mobile Child Passenger Safety Car Seat Check events throughout the county. For information on any of these programs, contact Traffic Safety Educator Barbara Sturm at (585) 991-5422 or (585) 335-1752 or via email to trafficsafetyCCE@cornell.edu.

## County 4-H names Animal Science Sportsmen

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**

Alyssa Healy and Aydan Low have been named Livingston County 4-H Animal Science Sportsmen of the Year.

The award is given annually to a 4-H animal program member based on a peer nomination on their behalf. This award recognizes a member who relates well to others, portrays a positive attitude when winning and losing, and exhibits general sportsman-like conduct.

While the award typically recognizes one 4-H member annually, there were two well-deserving recipients this year, Livingston County 4-H officials said.

"Alyssa and Aydan have shown exceptional 4-H sportsmanship both inside the show ring and out. They can always be found helping younger 4-H members prepare for shows by sharing their showing skills and even calming anxious nerves with positive reinforcement." 4-H Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said, "At the completion of each of their classes, they are sure to congratulate their fellow exhibitors on a job well done. Alyssa and Aydan continually represent excellent sportsmanship and are more than deserving of this award."

Alyssa, according to her



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY PHOTOGRAPH

**Alyssa Healy was recognized as a Livingston County 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year for her willingness to help other 4-H members with their animal projects. Aydan Low was also recognized with the award, but was unavailable for a photograph.**

peer nomination, "has gone out of her way to help me take care of my rabbit and get ready for my rabbit show

at the Hemlock fair. She is always just a phone call away when I need help or advice for the care of my

rabbit or with paperwork. Alyssa helped me practice many times for the actual showmanship portion of the rabbit show at the fair this year and she was always able and willing to help me feed or take care of my animal if I wasn't at the fair."

Aydan's peer nomination noted his help during the Hemlock Fair.

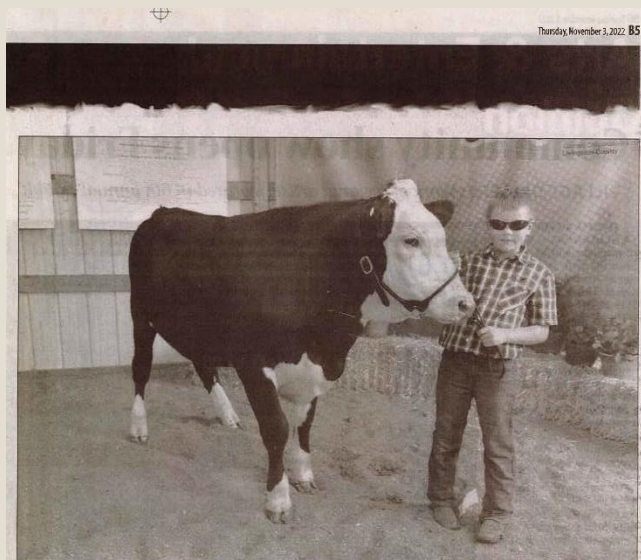
"Aydan was constantly helping others and staying positive," the peer nomination said. "Aydan only showed swine, rabbit, and meat birds but you would always see him helping others in barns he didn't even show in. Aydan could also be seen helping others with their animal chores, teaching others how to show their animals, and helping with quick animal changes during shows."

The Livingston County 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year Award is sponsored by Shooting Star Farm.

To learn more about the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County at (585) 991-5420 or email cceliv4h@cornell.edu.

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CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY PHOTOGRAPH

Dafton Bennett was among the participants who raised animals for the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County's 4-H Livestock Auction. The auction took place during the Homlock "Little Worlds" Fair this summer.

## 4-H livestock auction breaks records

**BY THE LCN STAFF**  
HEMLOCK – The 2022 4-H Livestock Auction at the Hemlock Fairgrounds set an all-time record with \$147,000 in gross income – easily surpassing the previous record of \$79,500. Through the 4-H Market Animal Project, members learn how to manage, feed, and fit an animal to produce a high-quality product for the consumer. The members also learn business skills, such as financial management, marketing, and record keeping as they track profit/losses on the project. "The tremendous increase in sales can be directly attributed to the time and hard work that 4-H members put into marketing their animal projects to potential auction bidders," said Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer. This year, 32 4-H members participated in the Livestock Auction with 78 animals sold. This year's average prices included:  
■ Beef: Avg. Price/Lb. \$6.50

■ Lamb: Avg. Price/Lb. \$9.92  
■ Hog: Avg. Price/Lb. \$8.67  
■ Meat Birds: Avg. Price/Lot of 2: \$635  
"I would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that either purchased an animal or made a bid on one," Wittmeyer said. "The success of the auction and that of our 4-H members market animal projects would not be possible without your very generous support!" Included within the Livestock Auction is a charity animal auction. The charity animals are sold last in their species. "We highlight these animals in the auction as a wonderful community service project for the kids who do it," Wittmeyer said. The animal sale averages and total raised include all the auction animals, including the charity animals.  
Carly Lang and Janae Duryea participated in the 2022 Charity Animal

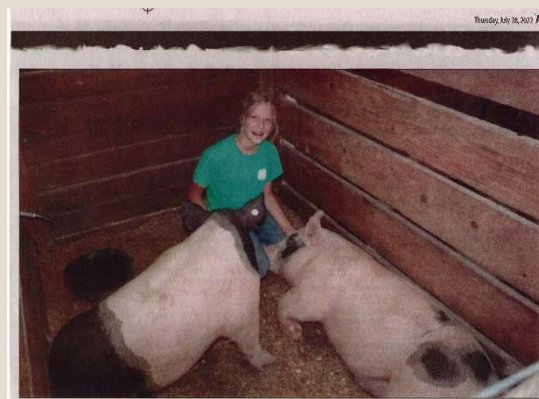
Program and donated the proceeds from their 4-H Market Animal Project to the Livingston County 4-H program. Carly and Janae each sold a pen of two market birds during the auction. Genesee Construction Service Inc. purchased Carly's birds for \$1,200, while Power and Construction Group Inc. purchased Janae's birds for \$1,100. Both girls then chose to donate the proceeds to the Livingston County 4-H program in recognition of the joy they receive from participating in monthly activity nights and the life skills they gained by volunteering at the 4-H Food Tent at the Hemlock Fair. To learn more about the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County at (585) 991-5420 or email cceiv4h@cornell.edu. Enrollment for the 2022-2023 program year is underway and runs through April 30, 2023.

## Ag in the Classroom celebrates 'Ag Literacy Week'

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program celebrated ag literacy in February and March by reading "Who Made My Lunch? From Milk to Cheese" by Bridget Heos. After reading the book, students learned how cheese is made and participated in a mozzarella and cheddar cheese taste test. Ag Literacy Week takes place annually across New York State. Each year, volunteers read a featured book to elementary school students and engage them in an exciting follow-up activity. This year, Ag Literacy Week was celebrated March 21 to 25.

A total of 23 volunteers read to Livingston County students in kindergarten through fourth grades. More than 1,300 students across all 11 school districts participated in

this year's event. This year's volunteers included County Administrator Ian Coyle, Town of Ossian Supervisor Dwight Knapp, Livingston County Judge Jennifer Noto, and state Sen. Patrick Gallivan's Community Representatives Phyllis Wickerham and Sara Santora. Several members of the Livingston County Farm Bureau and OCE Livingston County Board of Directors also participated. In addition to Ag Literacy Week, the Ag in the Classroom Program offers a number of lessons to teachers. Past topics have included soil, dry beans, evergreens, and dairy. Lessons can be tailored to fit specific grade levels and/or time frames. For more information on the Ag in the Classroom Program, contact Jenn Schwab at 585-991-5439 or email js669@cornell.edu.



Lynn Stevens, 12, of Nunda loves taking part in 4-H and says she plans to use the money from the sale of her two pigs to help her younger brother start his own 4-H group.

## 4-H teaches responsibility

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HEMLOCK – From rabbits to horses dozens of animals were on display at the Homlock Fair for the 4-H shows and competitions. "I am showing a bunch of different animals. I just had the chicken show but on top of that I have rabbit. I have a lot of animals, 26 to exact," said Alyssia Healy. Nationally, more than 6 million youth belong to 4-H. In Livingston County, programs offered include 4-H clubs, after-school 4-H opportunities, connections to 4-H camps and statewide 4-H activities. "I started with small animals and it has taught me a lot of responsibility. I started with one rabbit and now I have seven," Alyssia said. "I just love it (4-H). It encourages you to try something new and something that you are not used to."

One of the most valuable things Alyssia said she has learned is to never give up. "I really like being able to show a large animal because if doesn't just teach you about the animal, it teaches you about yourself like about your strengths and your weaknesses and it always encourages to improve, like each year you just try and get a little bit better," said Healy. Lynn Stevens, a 12-year-old from Nunda, said the program



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Inside the 4-H area at the Homlock Fair rabbits were just a few of the animals on display for people to look at and possibly purchase.

You work so hard for this and when you get to auction it off or even just show, you get the pride on that you did the right thing. At the end of the day for what your money is worth or how you can use it," said Lynn. "As a kid, Danville resident Ariel Middleton-Burdick was in 4-H. Now her two kids are taking part in 4-H. One of them showed off a guinea pig that was raised from a little pup. "It's amazing and gives the kids experiences that most kids may never get. They get to raise an animal, send an animal to auction, if they want to," said Middleton-Burdick. Giving kids a chance to show off their animals and have fun along the way is one of many experiences supported by 4-H. "It has really taught a lot of responsibility. It shows you to take pride in your work. he would not gain as much," said Stevens. At the fair, Lynn planned to auction off Bo and use the money to help her brother start his own 4-H group. "It has really taught a lot of responsibility. It shows you to take pride in your work."

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## 4-H'ers dive into fair fun

HEMLOCK RECAP: Youth present more than 650 exhibits

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
Preparing for the 4-H Building for exhibits at the Hemlock "Little World's" Fair is no small undertaking.

Once again, Livingston County 4-H members and volunteers met the challenge with grit, fortitude, cheer – and a great deal of creativity! This year's "Under the Sea" theme encouraged members to "Dive into 4-H" and displays at every turn were impressive with more than 670 exhibits from 72 youth throughout the county, including 15 from Cloverbank, who represent the county's youngest 4-H members.

"I love the transformation the building undergoes in a just a few hours on Judging Day," said 4-H Educator Renee Hopkins. "The hard work and dedication from our youth and volunteers turns an empty building into a beautiful, colorful display bursting with talent and passion from our members."

This year's Hemlock Fair ran July 19 to 23. 4-H member Kiara Gramke created several hands-on activities that were offered throughout the week. Fairgoers were invited to create sea-themed crafts or make their own tie-dye T-shirt.

The building was also buzzing with activity from youth public presentations, "Produce in New York" cooking demonstrations, and egg prep demonstrations. The Cupcake Showdown also returned for a second year. Youth brought pre-baked cupcakes and homemade icing, along with display settings and decorations, to create a two-foot-tall display of 24 cupcakes with a sea theme.



Livingston County 4-H members created 870 displays, including this one from "Krafty Kitchens," for the Hemlock "Little World's" Fair. The fair was July 19 to 23.



Livingston County 4-H member Lily Sharp competes in the Cupcake Showdown at the Hemlock "Little World's" Fair. The goal was to build a two-foot-tall display of 24 cupcakes with a sea theme.

The following 4-H members had exhibits selected for the State Fair: Victoria Charlebois, Joyden Cory, Tucker Drumm, Janae Duryea, Bennett Farwell, Isabella Fischer, Devon Flick, Lindsay Flick, Fiona Gell, Nathalie Gell, Kiara Gramke, Grace Green, Caylie Halbert, Chloe Hulbert, Alyssa Healy, Aydan Low, Aaron Labbers, Jaidyn Mattison, Josiah Mattison, Elizabeth Menninger, Molly Milliken, Kaeleb Rodgers, Horse Sexton, Lucille Sexton, Lily Sharp, Emily Ver-timo, Adelyn Ver Hagen, and Alexis Welsh.

The following Cloverbank youth participants who are between 5 and 7 years old, also had projects selected for the State Fair: Gabriella Arnott, Isabelle Bowser, Iva Christiano, Anna Cotter, Kyrie Drumm, Scarlett Fitzsimmons, Caleb Halbert, Kolbin Harvey, Kyle Harvey, Nathan Hernandez, Arvin Marcellus, Kennedy Mattison, Camden Sharp, Logan Sullivan and Callen Ver Hagen.

The New York State Fair runs Aug. 24 to Sept. 5 at the State Fairgrounds in Gettysburg, near Syracuse. For more information, go to <https://nyfair.ny.gov/>. New this year, evaluators were asked to select a single exhibitor as a Judge's Choice Award. Recipients of a Judge's Award were Nathalie Gell, Alyssa Healy, Sylvia Llop, Jaidyn Mattison, Josiah Mattison, Elizabeth Menninger, Molly Milliken, Horse Sexton, and Lily Sharp.

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## Charity animal program benefits county 4-H program

**SPECIAL TO THE LCN**  
HEMLOCK – Carly Lang and Janae Duryea participated in the 2022 Charity Animal Program and donated the proceeds from their 4-H Market Animal Project to the Livingston County 4-H Program.

The market animals were auctioned as part of this year's 4-H Livestock Auction at the Hemlock Fairgrounds, 7370 Water St. Carly and Janae each sold a pen of two market birds during this year's auction. Genesee Construction Service Inc. purchased Carly's birds for \$1,200, while Power & Construction Group Inc. purchased Janae's birds for \$1,100.

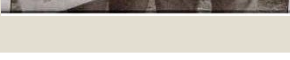
Both chose to benefit the Livingston County 4-H program in recognition of the joy they receive from participating in monthly activity nights and the life skills they've gained by volunteering at the 4-H Food Tent at the Hemlock Fair.

The project, according to 4-H officials, is not only about how 4-H'ers use the proceeds from their project animal, but the learning process and skill development that takes place throughout the duration of the project.

For a minimum of four months, 4-H youth take care of their animals every day. Members also have to complete project records and market their project animals to potential buyers.

"We are proud to have two outstanding members participate in this year's Charity Animal Program," said Youth Development Team Leader Mark Witmey. "Carly and Janae are to be commended for their selfless acts of giving back to their community."

To learn more about the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County at (585) 991-5420 or (585) 335-2752 or via email to [livingsfor@cornell.edu](mailto:livingsfor@cornell.edu).



A young child, Kylo, is shown holding a small animal, possibly a goat, at the Farm Fest.



Ben Dros of York pets a young goat at Farm Fest at Coyne Farms in Avon on Sept. 10. He mom, Kylo, said Joey really liked seeing the animals.

## Fun for all ages

FARM FEST: Annual event entertains and educates

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AVON – There was much to learn at Farm Fest, Livingston County's annual celebration of agriculture, including how a four-inch worm can provide a solution to the waste disposal needs of a dairy farm.

The Sept. 10 Farm Fest showcases Coyne Farms, 1770 Jenks Rd., Avon, and Worm Power Inc., a separate business on the farm's property that takes cow manure and turns it into a rich, high-quality, organic soil used by both home gardeners and larger-scale landscape and agriculture use.

The vermicompost facility known as Worm Power was one of two tours available to



A donkey strikes a pose in one of the Farm Fest potting zoos on Sept. 10 at Coyne Farms, Avon.

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## Home & Garden

### Baptisia plants are lovely in all seasons

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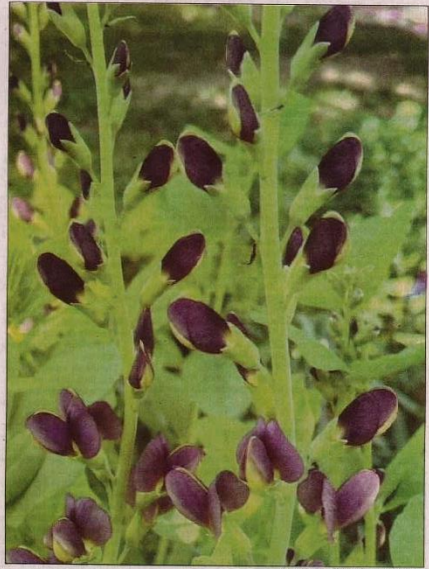
JULIE BROCKLEHURST-WOODS

Might you be interested in a plant that is drought tolerant, grows in hot sun and poor soil, is not bothered by deer, and is native to New York State? If so, then you could put Baptisia on your plant shopping list.

This plant is known by a few names, including false indigo, and wild indigo. Baptisia australis is native to our region. Baptisia tricolor is also a less common native with smaller and fewer flowers, which are yellow. Baptisia plants available in garden centers will likely be Baptisia australis or cultivars of this plant. This plant was used to dye clothing blue before the southern-grown indigo plant came into use.

My garden includes a lovely, full-blossomed bright yellow Baptisia, as well as two shrub-like clumps of the blue variety. My friend grows a lovely hybrid of blue and yellow called Baptisia Talltale Prairieblue, a cross between a blue and a yellow baptisia. Horticulturist and plant researcher Dr. Alan Armitage is fond of Purple Smoke, and mentions that this plant is also available in white. Some people feel that the white variety is the easiest to grow. "Carolina Moonlight" has large, soft yellow flowers. "Screaming Yellow" along with "American Goldfinch" are also available.

Baptisia has been included in Missouri Botanical Gardens' Plants of Merit. To receive this recognition, a plant must be easy to grow and maintain, not invasive, resistant to pesticides, have outstanding ornamental value, and be reasonably available to purchase. The blue/gray foliage is a pleasant contrast to other more common greens.



Baptisia Twilight Prairie Blues. The blue/gray foliage is a pleasant contrast to common greens.

The dark seed pods that form after the blooms give additional interest to a garden. If you prefer to cut back the bloom stalks instead of allowing seeds to form, attractive fresh foliage will emerge. Baptisia is easy to grow, but it takes a few years to put down the deep roots it needs to thrive and bloom well. While all new plants often need to be watered several times, depending on current soil moisture, this plant definitely does not need to be watered after its first year.

My yellow Baptisia seemed to take forever to grow beyond its first few stems. Over time I noticed that new stems were flourishing around a nearby flat area. Gradually a large clump formed around this stone. Perhaps the stone provided a place for seeds to find protection when they fell, as well as some heat to help them germinate in spring. I helped these plants grow larger by planting some of the seeds produced right next to the existing clump, as soon as they are mature. The branches on this plant are strong, but hollow so they are light-weight and easy to cut. You can cut them down either in the fall, after a killing frost; or you can wait

until early spring. If left in the garden for the winter, they are lovely when covered with snow.

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### Beloved tree takes beating in storm

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"Trees, I've lived most of my life in homes with mature trees. I love the shade they offer on a warm summer day, the sound of the leaves rustling in a breeze, the beauty of fresh foliage in the spring, and sometimes color in the fall. There isn't much I enjoy more than a walk in the woods. Our current home is about 60 years old, with some trees that were planted not long after construction.

I have two favorite trees: a tulip poplar in our front yard, and a sugar maple in the middle of the back yard. Both of these are natives. The tulip tree demands my attention in spring, especially when it blossoms beginning around Memorial Day, continuing for at least a couple of weeks in June. It's hard to see some of the blossoms because it is so tall and dense, but I can tell when they have opened by the humming sound of naive bumblebees.

It's a big tree in its natural habitat, tulip is the tallest tree easy of the Mississippi River. It seems to thrive in communities of tulip trees, which I have encountered in Highland Park in Rochester, and in Letchworth State Park.

Nevertheless, ours has grown and bloomed well for the 17 years we have lived in this house. It's a little messy, with litter from blossoms in spring, large leaves in fall, and seeds over the winter. But I love this tree, it is well worth the effort.

This beloved tulip poplar sustained significant damage in the recent windstorm that swept through Geneva and Livonia. A large trunk broke off of the top of our tree. Branches crashed onto our roof, then most bounced or laid to the ground. I had passed peak bloom time, but many thatched blossoms were missed



Miraculously, this rose bush and other plants in this front garden bed were not damaged by the crashing tree branches, nor during cleanup.

in with the debris. Looking up at the damaged tree, it appears it wasn't the central leader, the main center trunk, that was damaged. This side trunk broke off because it had begun to rot in the center. Hopefully the main trunk is still in good condition. Perhaps the tree will be healthier without that infested trunk. I have a call in to the arborist we have used previously. He won't be here for awhile, there are others in greater need.

But once he removes the rest of the broken trunk, I hope all will be fine. He will assess the tree health and let us know.

In a recent column I mentioned the work of entomologist Doug Tallamy, regarding the large number of insects supported by native trees.

Insects are critical to our ecosystem. More than 95% of one insect population is beneficial, only 3% are agricultural and nuisance pests, and 2% are benign. Native oaks support 534 varieties of insects. The top five trees that support the most insects include Pinus (black cherry and its relatives), willows, birch, and poplar.

If you want to support the environment in a bigger way, plant one of these trees.

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### Fall plantings bring spring blooms

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It's past optimal time to order bulbs, but some are still available.

The freshest bulbs are available online, not in local stores. In the online stores they are refrigerated and kept at optimal moisture levels until they are shipped.

Fall is the best time to plant spring bulbs, as well as hardy summer bulbs that can remain in the ground. Potted hardy bulbs can be purchased in bloom next year, but they will cost quite a bit more. I often buy hydrangeas and small daffodils to enjoy indoors, then plant them outside for next year.

I see big pots this time of year about when to plant fall bulbs. The concept is that you should wait until the soil has chilled so that they will stay dormant until spring. If it's too early to plant them, they should be stored in a basement or other cool room, not a garage or shed that can easily reach 100 degrees on a hot day, and where they could dry out too much. It's best to wait until we've had a couple of weeks of night temperatures down to 50 degrees.

If you have experienced damage to your bulbs from chipmunks and other critters, you can place chicken wire over the area where you have planted them, which encourages the critters to go elsewhere. There are also cages sold for bulbs, which either completely protect them.

I'm shopping for a few more Oriental lily bulbs, and a couple of lily varieties that may be resistant to the horrid red lily beetle.

The University of Maine has done some research on plant resistance to these destructive pests. They have found that the early-blooming Asiatic lilies receive the most damage, and the later-



These Oriental lilies grow over 8 feet tall, with as many as 12 blooms per stem. The stems are strong, resisting no slaking. The late-blooming Oriental lilies may be more resistant to destructive pests.

blooming Oriental lilies are damaged less. They have identified three lilies that are least likely to be damaged: "Lilium honey" "Madame Hotterly," "Lilium speciosum" "Uclada," and "Lilium" "Black Beauty." These lilies bloom later in the season, August into September.

There are several organic approaches that can be used with these lilies and their leaves, including removing them by hand. Organic pesticides including neem oil and sprays can reduce their numbers. Neem oil seemed to reduce their numbers for me the first year I used it, but didn't seem to have

much impact after that. Damage from all beetles is often worse in dry years, so that can be a factor.

There are systemic pesticides that can be applied as a soil drench, with application limited to just a few inches surrounding the plant. University of Maryland research has found that this type of product is safe for bees in field applications.

Red lily beetles only damage true lilies, not daylilies. The Easter lily is an example of a true lily; there are lots of flowers growing on the top part of the stem, and leaves growing out of the lower

stem. The blossoms last for two to three weeks, depending on the weather. Daylilies have long leaves that grow from a central base. The flowers grow from a leafless stem, and only last a day.

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## Dealing with garden critters an unending battle

I'm really tired of fighting critters this year. Critters is my easy, non-technical label for the destructive pests with four feet that enter my gardens, for a snack or feast.

It all started with the bunnies, too cute to do anything serious. I believe their nest was under a shrub next to my vegetable garden. When I saw the mama inside my fence, I tightened up the corners. All was fine until the bunnies began crawling out of the nest. They wiggled between the wires in my fence, demolishing my green bean plants. Apparently the blossoms are their favorites.

In early July we left for the day to celebrate our niece's

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wedding. It was the driest part of the summer, so I watered well before we left. Part of my fence is composed of decorative panels, which can be difficult to push back into dry ground. Apparently I was

in a hurry: the panel was on the ground when we returned home that evening, and the deer had damaged everything inside the fence.

The deer usually don't damage my gardens as much in mid-summer because edible plants are available everywhere. This year, our driest time in Geneseo was probably later June until later July, when usually plants are putting out much of their growth for the season. Most years their damage gradually resumes later in August, when many plants are slowing down. It seemed the deer never slowed their intrusions this year. I don't bother spraying repellent on summer plants they don't damage, in

my front and side yards, but this year nothing was safe.

The woodchuck arrived next. He's been around for a few years, mostly living under the neighbor's back porch or shed, but also in a couple of winter locations under my large shrubs. This year they hired an exterminator, so he moved in under my lilac in August. My dog thought he was very interesting. I was not enthralled. Online resources recommended ammonia as a deterrent. I bought a jug, pouring it around his new dirt nest and on a rag, which will hold the scent longer. He relocated, hopefully into longer-term housing in the woods behind

our property.

Chipmunks and squirrels give our dog lots of exercise, but they also are not my friends. Most annoying is their determination to dig in my large containers. I've discovered that scrunched up bird netting around the edges of a container is an effective deterrent. I also don't enjoy digging up the countless black walnut seedlings that they plant.

Fortunately, I grow a lot of plants, and there is still much to enjoy. I grew hollyhocks for the first time, which I obtained last year from a gardening neighbor. They bloom the second year, so I've already planted some

harvested seeds to hopefully produce blooms for next year. The main blossom of a sunflower was eaten by a deer, but this top pruning resulted in over a dozen side blossoms. And some volunteer vibrant red gladiolus which usually are tender bloomed beautifully on my vegetable garden fence.

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### Advice for effective garden watering

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While we've a little rain recently, the northwestern part of Livingston County is now in a mild drought, according to the National Weather Service. It's time to discuss effective watering.

The first tool many of us reach for when things get dry is a garden hose. The problem with using this basic tool is your arm will likely get tired before your target area is adequately soaked. I use my hose often for my small vegetable garden because other options require me to bend over more, which is difficult for me.

When I use the hose, I focus on perhaps a 3-foot-square area at a time. I leave the hose over it slowly while I slowly rotate to 25, then move to a new section. I'll try to return to each section three times. I also may water it two to three times in a day so the water will soak in even deeper.

If there has been a light rain, I water after that, the ground will be softer, so the water soaks in better. I time right after planting. I water frequently, but as the young plants grow I gradually increase the days between times I water, which encourages roots to go deeper.

For more distant areas, I carry out gallon milk jugs of water. Sometimes I'll haul a half dozen jugs in my garden cart. I'll do this usually to support some plants in bloom. But I don't grow thirsty plants in my big back garden. My small vegetable garden and patio beds are the only areas I keep thoroughly watered.

Overhead sprinklers can be effective, but a lot of water evaporates as it moves through the air, especially if used on a hot sunny day. I like to water in late afternoon; this allows time for the leaves to dry before sunset, and the moisture has time to soak into the ground overnight. This is a good option for lawns, and



The main bed of the garden at Wadsworth Library, 24 Center St., Geneva, uses a soaker hose set to a timer, which is set to water for nine hours weekly. The daylilies, salvia, celosia flowering tobacco and petunias are not thirsty plants, this schedule is working well. There is an overhang on the building that blocks most rainfall from this garden.

larger garden areas.

A soaker hose delivers water to the soil very efficiently, but need to be left on for a long time. In the main bed of garden I manage at Wadsworth Library, we use a timer, which is set to water for nine hours weekly. The daylilies, salvia, celosia flowering tobacco and petunias are not thirsty plants, this schedule is working well. There is an overhang on the building that blocks most rainfall from this garden.

At home I don't have a faucet next to my garden. I would need to haul out and reach the garden hose to the soaker hose each time for

watering, so I choose to water by hand. Drip irrigation is also an efficient watering system, more complex and costly than the others I've mentioned. Small drip emitters are installed along the hose, one per plant. This can work well for permanent plantings with a close-by water supply. Any more permanent system needs to be inspected weekly. Breaks and other malfunctions can occur resulting in a lot of wasted water and dead plants.

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### Enticing gift ideas available for gardeners

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The holidays are arriving, along with all the preparations this entails. I often make gift suggestions for gardeners at this time of year.

A bounty of enticing items is available, but it can be difficult to select something with enduring usefulness. My favorite tool may not feel right to the next person.

I think gardening is enticing for many people, but it can also be difficult to find the time and energy to do the work necessary for the results we envision. Information is a resource without boundaries, and can help solve this dilemma. My gift suggestions are resources to maintain fitness, and make gardening easier and more accessible. Gift givers can easily describe a resource on a card, putting it in a box for gifting. A few good chocolates or some homemade cookies could enhance the gift.

Tom Gattone has authored the book I've mentioned previously, "The Lifelong Gardener: Garden With Ease & Joy at Any Age" (Timber Press, 216 pages).

Though the target audience is aging gardeners, I believe that people of all ages could gather helpful ideas from this book and the other resources Tom offers. Her approach is broad, not just equipment for less bending and reaching, but also philosophical information.

Her website offers a wealth of information that complements her book. She posts on her blog only occasionally, thoughtfully posts, not just the captioned photos, I see on many gardening blogs. She speaks well, and has created a several videos available on her website, tonigstone.com. Her themes include resilience, inspiration and adaptation.

Another resource I've enjoyed this year is the new PBS program I've written about recently, "Garden Fit." The gardens they visit and people they meet are amazing. I've found that the basic strategies offered by fitness instructor Jeff Hughes are very helpful, especially the "armchair" position, the concept of balancing stress on your body by using alternate sides, and the stretches.

The program stars me now posting these strategies on Facebook, making each easier to understand and remember. They include photos and videos to illustrate the concepts they are describing. When watching the episodes there sometimes isn't enough about the fitness strategies being discussed, but these Facebook

book make it easier to apply their information to your gardening. You can also use the links they provide to look back at the episodes where these concepts were illustrated in action.

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The small leaf pieces of mulched leaves decompose by spring, and don't easily get blown around.

## Mulch mowing

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In the spring I spread wood mulch on top of the leaves, for a more attractive appearance.

Each year I hear back from a few more readers who have tried mulch mowing their lawns. No one has reported this change. Each year when I research this topic online, more sources are promoting it. Even Scotts, producer of lawn care products, recommends this approach.

There are more universities researching this topic, and publishing the success of this approach. The original research I encountered was conducted in Michigan State.

They have demonstrated that dry leaves up to 6 inches deep can be mowed into lawns without degrading the grass. The grass blades should still

be visible, not completely covered.

I have read Facebook posts claiming that you can leave all of your whole leaves on your lawn without damaging the turf. This certainly is not true for large leaves including Oak and Maple. It is true for locust leaves and others of a small size. My ginkgo leaves are medium size, falling all at once so that the grass is completely covered. I scoop most of them up and put them on a nearby garden bed.

These environmental advocates are supporting opportunities for small critics and insects to over-winter in

whole leaves. This is important, over 90% of all insects are beneficial and support our ecology. Leaving some dried leaves in garden beds and a small number on the lawn is a much better solution than leaving all leaves on the lawn and killing lawn grass.

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What a pain! I used it for more than 10 years, and I passed it along to a friend. The Kobalt brand I purchased came with a bag attachment, so I can use some of the chipped leaves for mulch on my garden beds.

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It is best to cut down plants like this garden phlox and bee hives, which are prone to powdery mildew. This will reduce the opportunity for this condition to overwinter.

## Full mulching aids healthy gardens

Full mulching is an option that should be considered by more gardeners. I tend my vegetable garden, perennial gardens and open areas for annuals primarily with the large volume of chopped leaves I produce in fall. A thick mulch of fall leaves will attract more soil organisms, which will improve your soil, and reduce the number of weed seeds that germinate. It's the process of decomposition more than the product of compost that improves soil. This is important for all gardeners, but I have the impression that many vegetable gardeners and annual garden areas remain bare in winter.

Full clean-up practices have changed in recent years. Previous traditions included removing every scrap of plant matter from the garden after the first freeze, fearing that they would promote diseases. Now, more environmentally-conscious gardeners encourage leaving as much as possible for over-wintering



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in my mulch, which regularly fall into our yard from the mature trees.

Any disease-prone stems and foliage should be removed, including precursors, here, hain, (moss) and phlox, and bearded iris. Spent hedges look quite unattractive, and could offer homes for slugs in spring. When you cut the stems, leave a couple of inches, so you can see the plant locations in spring. I often report the phrase, "It stands up (after freezing), leave it!"

Gardeners may choose to remove more plant material for reasons in their front yard garden, which is most visible to the public. Most backyards are seldom seen by visitors in winter. Plant stems with some dead leaves are more attractive when covered in snow than empty space.

A few plants will survive the winter better if their root system is covered by 2 inches to 3 inches of snow. Many varieties of Coral Fuchsia (Hatchers) have shallow roots

that often get heaved out of the ground over winter. Much will reduce this possibility. Plants that were put in the ground this year will also have more shallow roots, and will benefit from mulch. Grated rocks need thick mulch right up to the graft union.

The use of a winter mulch will reduce weeds, prevent soil erosion, and reduce plant damage. Damage often occurs during freeze/thaw cycles, not as the coldest temperatures. Mulched root systems will be less likely to heave during a thaw, reducing damage by re-freezing.

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## Tips to prune spring blooming shrubs

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July Fourth has passed, our weather has been "abnormally dry" as rated by U.S. Drought Monitor, and plants are slowing their growth. Summer has arrived, and some of my gardening chores have slowed. It is getting late but I think are too late to prune shrubs that bloomed earlier this spring.

The ideal time to prune these shrubs is as soon as possible after they have finished blooming. The problem is, spring is a very busy time for planting and other garden preparation tasks. The result is that I rarely complete this task on schedule. My shrubs are pretty forgiving, but the longer you wait to prune past bloom time, the fewer blossoms you will likely have.

Most of my lilacs are mature sized, and haven't been pruned in a few years. I like their natural informal shape in the back corners of my yard. Perfectly round isn't a natural shape. I recently removed a few dead branches, a task that can be done at any time. The spent flower clusters will not reduce blooms the following year, they can remain. At some point, probably in late winter, I will remove a few older branches as close to the ground as possible, to promote new growth.



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My smoke bush is the perfect cover to the rock orange. Its close-like inflorescences (clusters of small flowers) attract all the attention until fall.

I call this pruning approach two-step pruning: once on the outside, once on the inside. Either step can be done first. Father pruning, when you remove larger, older branches as far down as possible, can be done before the shrubs bloom, but the number of blooms will be reduced. I do this in March for my fortyish shrubs. The pure white blossoms are incredibly fragrant, and it is an easy shrub to grow. The downside is that it's not particularly attractive, and needs hard pruning every two or three years, at this time of year.

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## Inspiration in public gardens

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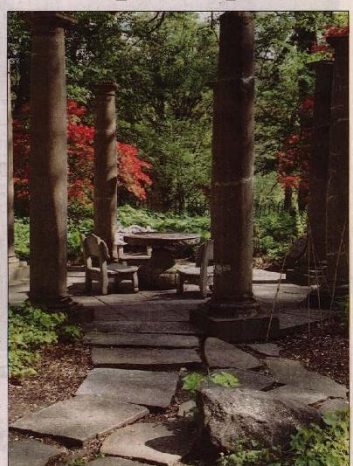


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It's the perfect time of year to visit public display gardens. The weather is warm enough to be comfortable outside, without getting too hot. The flower displays can be spectacular! We enjoy the blooms at the Lilac Festival most years, but there are many more gardens to visit if you can find the time.

My husband and I took the six-hour trip to the Philadelphia area recently. An area called the Brandywine Valley holds several amazing public gardens. While Longwood Gardens is probably the best known in this area, the others I've visited are less formal and more inspiring for the home gardener.

I started with the free narrated tour through the gardens, to get the overview and hear the narration. The first gardeners were established in 1859, with three generations owning the gardens through 1969. These D'Onofrio families shared the concept of gardens that appear as though they grew naturally. Many of the plants grow naturally in the area, but they introduced plant varieties are included to provide variety and interest.



This part of the Eschscholtz Woods at Winterthur is ready for a tea party.



Aspects at Winterthur are often under-planted with Spanish Bluebells.

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Teaching viewers how to maintain their body while also maintaining their garden is the mission of "GardenFit," a program airing on WXXI-TV, cable channel 21 in Rochester. The show includes a garden tour and suggestions for improved body mechanics when doing specific garden-related tasks.

## 'GardenFit' combines tours, fitness tips

I'm not a big TV watcher, but PBS has a new program called "GardenFit" that is right up my alley.

This show offers us views of amazing gardens, and information regarding developing and maintaining fitness for gardening. It is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sundays on WXXI-TV, cable channel 11 in Rochester. I was able to find episodes online with a Google Search using "Garden Fit Episode #".

"GardenFit" is not about young people putting in a vegetable garden. It's host, Madelyn Hooper and fitness trainer Jeff Hughes are strong nature people who aim to showcase outstanding gardeners and owners while educating their audience about garden fitness.

The format includes touring a garden property with the owner/gardener, offering a few observations along the way regarding how the gardener approaches specific tasks. The fitness trainer also sits down with the owner at the end of the tour, and asks about any aches and pains the gardener experiences related to gardening. Suggestions are offered including improved body mechanics, as well as stretching and strengthening exercises. Filmed four weeks later but included in the same episode, the program host and trainer revisit the gardener to observe and celebrate the success of their suggestions.

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Teaching viewers how to maintain your body while maintaining your garden is the mission of this program. The information offered by the fitness trainer goes beyond what I've previously heard and read on this topic. For example, as gardeners become fatigued, their posture changes, generally becoming tighter and leaning forward more. If your posture becomes more rigid, you could

be at higher risk of injury.

Host Madelyn Hooper has been seriously gardening for more than 20 years. In order to select the gardens for this first program year, she traveled around the county. She worked with Jeff over the course of two years, and has a broad understanding of what fitness training he can offer. The gardens she has selected are spread all across the county, with gardeners and gardeners of diverse ages and backgrounds.

Stretching sides was one strategy Jeff recommended to reduce one-sided pain in the upper or lower body. Most of us have a dominant hand, and we may automatically use that hand most of the time. But there are many gardening tasks that could be done with either hand; we need to make a conscious effort to balance things out. Raking and pulling weeds are common tasks that could be done with

either hand.

Getting down then back up from the ground can be challenging for many gardeners as they grow older. Using a garden kneeler is one option, but he recommends first squatting with feet slightly wider than your hips, then pulling one hand on the ground, then resting to sit, reverse the order to get back up.

Changing tasks frequently, and therefore using different positions and parts of your body is also highly recommended.

The amount of time spent on a specific task will vary by the gardener and task.

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The leaves and stem of a Penstemon Digitalis Husker Red is shown.

MOSBY BOTANICAL GARDEN PHOTOGRAPH

## Now is a good time to move perennials

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Now that the worst of the summer heat seems to have passed, I'm catching up on transplanting and mulching. I have a couple of acres in my big back garden where space opened up when I cleared out some sundrops. I don't need to buy new plants. I just plan to move around some that have spread.

Penstemon Digitalis Husker Red is one of my perennials that self-seeds gently. I don't mind it's easy to find a new home for such a flexible, attractive plant. Its pale pink or white blossoms are lovely when planted in a cluster. It is just as attractive before and after it has bloomed, with red-veined leaves that are perfectly coordinated with its red stems. The deer ignore this plant in my garden. It will self-seed if conditions are right. The white pine tree that used to provide their shade in my garden died, and was removed a couple of years ago. They have continued to germinate and produce flowers, but they look scorched. In shade they will stretch and need stakes to support them, but I have an ample supply of vacant spots because they

are also quite flexible: while growing readily in full sun, they will also bloom in quite a bit of shade. Deer will nibble their buds, but they don't get demolished, and I have enough in various spots that I don't notice much if some are missing.

An improved variety of Brown Eyed Susan, Rudbeckia American Gold Rink, has been selected by the Perennial Plant Association as Perennial of the Year for 2023. Often this designation brings attention to a less common plant, but not this time. Instead, this variety is more resistant to black spot disease than other varieties, the green leaves and stems have silvery hairs, and the flower is a lighter color, more yellow and less orange.

Because soil moisture may stay dry in upcoming weeks, at this time of year I like to get up recently dug plants to re-grow lost roots as part of the transplant process. I keep them in moist but well-drained soil for 2 to 4 weeks, depending on the weather. Around Labor Day I put them back in the ground, and water them well weekly for a month or so. I always mulch new plantings well to help keep the soil moist.

Foxgloves are lovely plants that tolerate shade, and they will self-seed if conditions are right. The white pine tree that used to provide their shade in my garden died, and was removed a couple of years ago. They have continued to germinate and produce flowers, but they look scorched. In shade they will stretch and need stakes to support them, but I have an ample supply of vacant spots because they

that will work well for them.

Most Foxgloves are biennial: a short mastic plant grows from seed the first year, then blooms the second year. The seeds need moisture to germinate, but they will grow in fairly dry soil once established.

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## Livingston County invites all residents to attend Family Fest May 14

Event will celebrate County's Al Lorenz Park with family-friendly games, activities and food

### From news reports

GENESEEO — Livingston County is inviting residents to join in celebrating the county's only owned and operated park during Al Lorenz Park Family Fest on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Mount Morris.

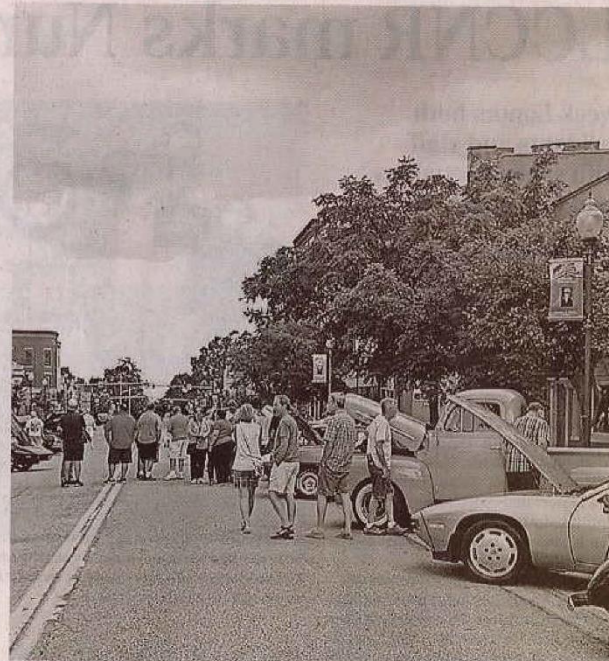
The family-friendly event will feature free admission, games, food and activities throughout the day, while highlighting recent improvements the County has made there to trails, playgrounds and facilities. Activities will include a youth fishing derby, classic car cruise-in, guided geocaching tours, and more, said Livingston County Administrator Ian M. Coyle.

"We've put together something really special for County residents," said Coyle.

"This is going to be a great event in a beautiful setting, complete with food and live entertainment. We hope everyone will join us in celebrating our newly-improved 80-acre park."

The event will coincide with the Annual Livingston County Safety and Wellness Fair, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County and Genesee Valley Health Partnership, at the County's adjacent Murray Hill Campus. Organizers are encouraging Family Fest visitors to attend both events for a full day of family fun with Livingston County. County officials are advising attendees to be aware of a current road closure on State Route 408 in the Town of Groveland. Drivers should plan ahead and follow all posted detour signs while traveling to Al Lorenz Park.

Events include a classic car cruise-in, youth fishing derby, geocaching, basketball shooting challenge, a family run, yoga, tai chi and more. For a complete list of Family Fest activities, a park map and more, visit: <https://www.livingston-county.us/FamilyFest>



A classic car cruise-in is among the events planned during Al Lorenz Park Family Fest on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Mount Morris. FILE

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## Attention Farm Owners and Agricultural Property Owners

in the Towns of Mt. Morris, North Dansville, Nunda, Ossian, Portage, Sparta, Springwater & West Sparta, including the Villages of Dansville, Nunda & Mount Morris



Please be advised that Livingston County is beginning the renewal process for Agricultural District #3. A mailing was sent out on July 7, 2022 to determine which properties should be included in Agricultural District #3.

**THE RESPONSE DEADLINE IS JULY 25, 2022.** Please return the Renewal Worksheet in the envelope provided to indicate whether or not your property should be included in Agricultural District #3.

*If you are a farm owner or agricultural property owner in the Towns of Mt. Morris, North Dansville, Nunda, Ossian, Portage, Sparta, Springwater & West Sparta and have not received a mailing, or if you have any questions about the Agricultural District program, please contact Ken at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County office at (585) 991-5446.*

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**Q.** Powdery mold has been plaguing my zucchini, cucumber and squash plants for the past few years, in spite of many attempts to get rid of it! What's the best solution to this problem?

Powdery mildew on these plants is very common, especially toward the end of the season. It can be reduced or avoided by providing good air circulation - open space, staking and weed control among the plants, watering with a soaker hose instead of overhead, and avoiding excess application of fertilizer or late season fertilizing. It is easier to prevent than to treat. There are resistant varieties available. Fungicides including organic remedies are available. Lower and upper leaf surfaces should be treated. This link provides more details for this problem: <https://extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardening-pests/plant-disease/fruit-vegetable-diseases/powdery-mildew>.

from **Cornell Cooperative Extension, Livingston County**

**Q.** We are being overrun by boxelder bugs! There are no box elder trees nearby that I can find. However, the tree that has those "helicopters" hangs over my garage (not my tree). I can kill the ones I find with soapy water, but they just keep coming.

Soapy water will intercept many bugs. Depending on where they are located and annoying you may make a difference in how you go about trying to stop them. Boxelder bugs may be found on a structure foundation at this time of year but are not looking for winter quarters so not likely to appear inside.

They can seem to just keep coming. There may be two generations a year. In the fall, the population is determinate, so they won't keep coming forever. You might be able to beat them this way if you are persistent. Keep washing them off the side of the house. Being on guard in the fall may be a difficult task as their march - or flight - continues after you have intercepted a batch. The bug prefers seed bearing boxelder trees. It feeds on the seed case (helicopter) similar to all maples. Some sources indicate removal of the seed bearing boxelder trees will alleviate the problem. Boxelder bugs do not do serious damage to trees and other plants and are not a risk for stinging. They lay eggs mostly in

boxelder trees and elsewhere including those helicopter seed wings lying as debris on the ground. Vacuum up box elder bugs and dispose of contents in a tight container. The contents will likely smell bad. A shop vac could contain soapy water.

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**Q.** What is the best way to clean dust off my house plants?

There are two main reasons to clean your house plants: aesthetics and health. A layer of dust will limit a plants ability to absorb light, which interferes with photosynthesis and slows growth down. One of the easiest ways to give a house-plant a refresher is to take it into the shower with you. Small plants do well with a quick dip in the sink, but consider bringing in the larger potted plants for a more immersive cleaning. This practice works best if you have a removable showerhead and can adjust the pressure. It is best to keep the temperature lukewarm. You could also use a spray bottle. Another method that works well on large sturdy leaves is to utilize soapy water and a soft sponge or microfiber cloth. Mix 1/4 tea-

from **Cornell Cooperative Extension, Livingston County**

spoon of dish soap with a half-gallon of room temperature water and gentle clean the plant with the sponge or microfiber cloth. When done rise the plant with clean water.

**Q.** When is the best time of the year to prune lilac bushes and grape vines? Grapevine pruning is performed all winter in many large commercial vineyards because this big job requires many hours. The "late dormant period" - February-March-is the ideal time to prune, however, because the extent of winter injury to vines can then be determined. If injury has occurred, pruning severity can be adjusted. Pruning can affect the timing of bud-break. That difference may be cause for or prevention of frost dam-

age to buds in the growing season Do not over-prune lilacs. Let the plant develop several branches from the base, instead of only one or two. This allows you to remove stems that have grown too tall, or have been attacked by diseases or insects, and still have flowering wood. Pruning is unnecessary for the first 3 or 4 years. Thereafter, limit pruning to the removal of weaker wood from the center of the bush. This prevents a thicket from developing. You should do this soon

after flowers have fallen. Do not prune in late summer, fall, or winter, late pruning often results in removal of flower buds. Old bushes with runaway growth will need severe pruning. Large single trunks may be cut back to a stump to encourage growth of new stems from the roots. Clumps of overgrown stems may be thinned out about a third a year starting with oldest, weakest, and damaged.

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## Dairy Ambassador Anna Lyness and CCE's Ken Estes, Jr. Talk Livingston County Agriculture

BY AMANDA DUDEK



Livingston County's story is, among other things, a story of agriculture. Its primary products include corn, soybeans, and dairy products, and it is one of the top five dairy producing counties in the country. It is no surprise then that dairy farming has been and continues to be a valued way of life for many local families.

"Many of the farms in our county go back generations," said Ken Estes, Jr., Agriculture Program Leader at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Livingston County. "This is because some of the best soils in New York are right here in Livingston County. My family has been farming here in Caledonia since 1832, and we are not the oldest." Estes credits Livingston County's hilly terrain and the Genesee River which divides it with creating these higher quality soils.

Taking advantage of the excellent soil and the abundance of water are our thriving local dairy farms. Anna Lyness, a York junior, is this year's Livingston County Dairy Ambassador. Representatives were formerly known as Dairy Princesses; however, the program has been involved with dairy farming since she was a small child.

"My dad is a dairy farmer at Donnan Farms in York," she said. "As a child, I would go look at the cows and calves; it always mesmerized me."

Becoming what was then a Dairy Princess quickly became a goal for Lyness. "When I was little, we would always be invited to the Dairy Princess coronations," she recalled. "I would look up to the girls in their crowns. I wanted to be a Dairy Princess and wear a crown, too." Joining what is now the Dairy Ambassador Program when she was about 10 years old, Lyness is thrilled to be this year's Dairy Ambassador.

"Being a Dairy Ambassador is a leadership position," she explained. "We promote dairy and educate people about dairy products and the nutrients they provide for people both young and old. We teach, participate in parades, work with young children, and much more."

To Lyness, dairy education is very important. "I think living around farms opens your eyes," she said. "We need our food, including our milk. There are 13 nutrients we get from dairy, and it is also very important for everyone to understand where dairy comes from."

"We need our food including our milk. There are 13 nutrients we get from dairy, and it is very important to get them three times a day. It is also very important for everyone to understand where dairy comes from."

- Anna Lyness



Anna Lyness, 2022-2023 Livingston County Dairy Ambassador.

While Lyness still enjoys dairy farming and hopes to work at Donnan's feeding calves, she plans to use a scholarship she received to attend a nursing program at Keuka. Lyness shared that the Dairy Ambassador Program will hold two local events during Dairy Month, during which they will give away product samples, promotional products, and more. These two events will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 10am-Noon at the Tops in Dansville, and Saturday, June 18th from 10am-Noon at the Tops in Avon, respectively.

"Livingston County's number one industry is agriculture, and I hope that never changes," said Estes. "That is why agricultural education and agriculture in the classroom are so supported and necessary. Agriculture is uniquely positioned to help seek solutions in those areas of the county that are considered 'food deserts' as we look for ways to get locally grown food in the hands of those who need it most." Clearly, the dairy industry will continue to lead in these efforts.

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## Q&A with the Master Gardeners

Look for this weekly column! Your questions answered by the local Cornell experts.

**Q.** I always have great rhubarb, and I take good care of it. This year, it won't fill out. It's mostly tall & spindly. Could it be this bad spring?

The most likely reason why your rhubarb is tall and spindly is that it is overcrowded and needs to be divided. After about 5 years of growth, it should be divided. The best time to divide is in the early spring, but it can be done in the fall. Dig around the root clump and lift the entire plant. Cut down through the crown between buds, with each division having at least one bud, preferably 2 or 3 buds. Replant immediately or keep moist in a bucket or in a plastic bag in refrigerator until

you can replant the pieces. Plant at same depth as the original plant was growing. Another possibility is that due to the very wet spring and if your drainage is poor your rhubarb may be experiencing crown rot. It damages terminal buds and results in spindly, weak stems. The plant will eventually collapse.

**Q.** What's going on with all the tiny snails in my garden this year? I pick off at least 5 every day, and today I got 28. I've picked over 100 in the last 10 days. They are on my radish leaves and my scallions. What should I do about them?

Slugs and snails love moist conditions. Slugs are our most common problem. Our weather was pretty dry for a while, but we've had significant rain recently. They hide in mulch and any kind of dense plant matter and debris and under plain surfaces like plastic, and paper mulch.

Many snail and slug baits on the market now contain iron phosphate, a

natural and effective substance that is considered generally safe for kids, pets and vegetables. This bait needs to be re-applied every two weeks or when it is no longer visible. Remember to read the label for how much to apply. Clean up any plant material debris to minimize harborage. Hand picking at night or early morning is a possibility.

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The Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county CCE office to extend information throughout their communities.



## Q&A with the Master Gardeners

Look for this weekly column! Your questions answered by the local Cornell experts.

**Q.** Do the milkweed plants in my front perennial bed have any significant impact on monarch butterflies? I am trying to decide if I should keep or remove them.

Thanks. I understand your angst. The number of monarchs is declining for several reasons, including habitat loss in central Mexico where they over-winter and summer habitat loss in the Midwest. There is a lot of talk about planting milkweed to help them out. But common field milkweed is not a very attractive plant, spreads invasively underground, and is difficult to remove. I wouldn't want it in my front garden bed. One person's milkweed plant probably doesn't make a difference, but if many people plant it, it could make a difference over time. Common field milkweed, *Asclepius syriaca*, serves as both a preferred host plant (where these butterflies lay their eggs and larval/caterpillars feed) and a nectar source for adults. That's why people encourage planting this specific plant.

from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Livingston County

But Monarchs can use other types of milkweed in this region including Butterfly Weed (*Asclepius tuberosa*), and Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepius incarnata*). These two plants are much better suited for home gardens. They are more attractive and will not spread invasively like common milkweed. The article from the University of Vermont at the following link offers many details about monarchs and milkweed. <https://ips.uvm.edu/ppp/articles/monarch.html>

**Q.** Our one-acre lawn is overrun with Creeping Charlie, and it is spreading daily. Is there a way to combat it without killing off the grass we'd like to save? *Glechoma hederacea*, better known as Creeping Charlie and ground ivy, is one of the most common and unfortunately hard to control lawn and garden weeds. A healthy lawn will help prevent creeping Charlie from getting established. Overseeding bare spots in a lawn with an appropriate grass seed

will help crowd out the weed. Another strategy is to mow at a height of 3 inches. This allows grass to have healthier roots and blades as well as shade out weed seedlings. Hand weeding can be difficult and frustrating due to the fact that there are roots at many of the leaf nodes. If the soil is moist and you are careful to dig the roots, you will be more successful. Weeding them from garden beds is a lot easier. Removing them as soon as they show up is the key to success. A hoe, rake or dethatching tool can be helpful.

If a herbicide is required, studies have shown that spring and fall are the best times to apply. More than a single season application may be needed. During the heat of the summer, plants are not growing as fast and not as susceptible to the effect of herbicides. These herbicides are directed at broadleaf plants, not grass, so are not likely useful in gardens or harmful to the grass. Lawn herbicides with multiple active ingredients are most effective against difficult to control weeds. Products that con-

tain triclopyr, such as Ortho Weed-B-Gon Chickweed, Clover and Oxalis Killer have proven effective. So has Ortho Weed-B-Gon Max plus Crabgrass Control with quinclorac. Other brand products are available. Read the label for listed controls and application directions. Some information from <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/article-42-creeping-charlie-may-2017>

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# Mount Morris Shopper

MOUNT MORRIS SHOPPER ★ SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

**ATTENTION FARM OWNERS and AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**in the Towns of Mount Morris, North Dansville, Nunda, Ossian,**  
**Portage, Sparta, Springwater & West Sparta, including the**  
**Villages of Dansville, Nunda & Mount Morris**

Please be advised that Livingston County is beginning the renewal process for Agricultural District #3. A mailing was sent out on July 7, 2022 to determine which properties should be included in Agricultural District #3.

The response deadline is July 25, 2022. Please return the Renewal Worksheet in the envelope provided to indicate whether or not your property should be included in Agricultural District #3.

If you are a farm owner or agricultural property owner in the Towns of Mount Morris, North Dansville, Nunda, Ossian, Portage, Sparta, Springwater & West Sparta and have not received a mailing, or if you have any questions about the Agricultural District program, please contact Ken at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County office at (585) 991-5446.

MOUNT MORRIS SHOPPER ★ SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

## 2022 Livingston County 4-H Livestock Auction

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> • Hemlock Fairgrounds • Buyers Reception: 12pm | Sale: 1pm

Interested in purchasing locally grown, quality 4-H beef, lamb, hog, or market birds? Contact CCE Livingston County at [mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu).

### 2021 CHAMPIONS



Grand Champion Market Birds (Pen of 2)  
 Consignor: Jordan Proctor  
 Buyer: Calhoun Chiropractic Wellness Center



### RESERVE CHAMPIONS:

**MARKET BEEF**  
 Consignor: Haley Wood  
 Buyer: Cutting Edge Tree & Forestry Services, LLC

**MARKET HOG**  
 Consignor: Lynn Stevens  
 Buyer: Swyers Dairy Farm

**MARKET LAMB**  
 Consignor: Michaela Bugman  
 Buyer: Mallory Buchinger

**MARKET BIRDS (PEN OF 2)**  
 Consignor: Faith Wood  
 Buyer: Genesee Construction Service, Inc.



Grand Champion Market Beef  
 Consignor: Faith Wood  
 Buyer: Howlett Farms



Grand Champion Market Hog  
 Consignor: Haley Wood  
 Buyer: Shamel Milling Co., Inc.



Grand Champion Market Lamb  
 Consignor: Howie Sexton  
 Buyer: Stephen E. Werner

### Thank You 2022 4-H Dairy & Livestock Program Sponsors

#### DIAMOND LEVEL (\$1,000+)

Genesee Construction Service, Inc.  
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Through the 4-H market animal project, members learn how to manage, feed, and fit an animal to produce a high quality product for the consumer. The members learn business skills, such as financial management, marketing, and record keeping as they track profit/losses on the project.

**Support from buyers is critical to the sustainability of this program.**

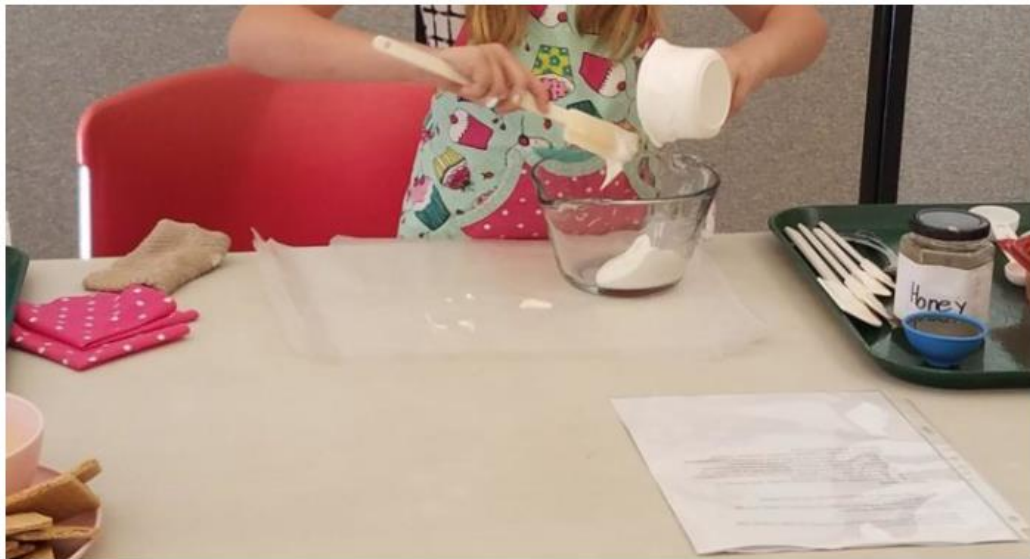
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# Genesee Sun

## 4-H PRODUCED IN NEW YORK FOOD DEMONSTRATION RESULTS

JUNE 17, 2022 BY ROBERT DELENA



Nine talented Livingston County 4-H members participated in the annual Produced in New York Food Demonstration event. Creative use of a New York ingredient was evident as 4-H members prepared a recipe in front of judges and answered questions from the judges and audience members. The event offers a chance to learn about New York food products and

NY FarmNet and CCE Livingston County are pleased to offer a free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm. The training will be held at the Livingston County Building 1 Conference Center located at 1 Murray Hill Drive in Mt. Morris. Farmers, agribusiness workers, and anyone who interacts with the agricultural community is encouraged to attend this free training. Lunch will be provided from a local eatery, with a break from noon to 1pm.

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

After the course, you will be able to:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help.
- Use self-care tools and techniques.

# Genesee Sun

## CCE LIVINGSTON COUNTY TO HOLD FIRST-EVER TRIVIA NIGHT

OCTOBER 19, 2022 BY [SUN STAFF](#)

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Livingston County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County will hold their first-ever Trivia Night & Silent Pie Auction on

November 10, 2022 (5-9pm) at the Livingston County Auditorium, 1 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris. The evening will feature a trivia competition led by Kelli Carson of CJ Country Radio. Teams of 5-6 individuals will compete for a variety of great prizes. Register your own team or join one that night! In addition to trivia, ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H NAMES RUSSELL B. ACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

OCTOBER 13, 2022 BY [SUN STAFF](#)



Chauncey Crane-Yackley and Aydan Low have been named the Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship recipients. The scholarship was established in 2007 by Livingston County 4-H in memory of Russell B. Ace, the county's first 4-H agent. It recognizes current 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership skills and served their community through participation in the Livingston County 4-H program. The winners are awarded a one-time ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

# Country Folks

COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

October 24, 2022 • B21

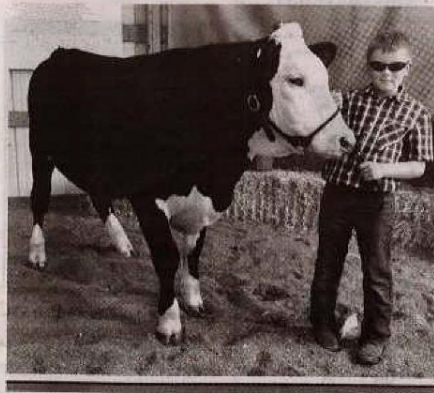
## 4-H Livestock Auction breaks records

The 2022 4-H Livestock Auction at the Hemlock Fairgrounds set an all-time record with \$147,000 in gross income - easily surpassing the previous record of \$79,500.

Through the 4-H Market Animal Project, members learn how to manage, feed and fit an animal to produce a high-quality product for the consumer. The members also learn business skills, such as financial management, marketing and recordkeeping as they

track profit/losses on the project.

"The tremendous increase in sales can be directly attributed to the time and hard work that 4-H members put into marketing their animal projects to potential auction bidders," said Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer. "I would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that either purchased an animal or made a bid on one. The success of the auction and that of



Dalton Bennett



Carly Lang and Janae Duryea.

Photos courtesy of CCE Livingston

our 4-H members market animal projects would not be possible without your

very generous support!" This year, 32 4-H'ers participated in the Live-



Tessa Rodwell and David LeFaber

stock Auction with 78 animals sold. This year's average prices included:

- Beef: \$6.50/lb.

- Lamb: \$9.92/lb.
- Hog: \$8.67/lb.
- Meat Birds: Average price per lot of two: \$635

# Country Folks

12PM-2PM WEDNESDAY  
COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

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June 20, 2022 • B11

## McKinley assumes interim Executive Director position at CCE Livingston

Tess McKinley, Executive Director of CCE of Steuben County in Bath, has assumed interim Executive Director duties for CCE

Livingston County in Mount Morris. She will split her time between the two associations until Livingston County can hire a perma-

nent Executive Director. Tess went to school in Livingston County and spent four years living in Genesee and Leicestershire prior to coming to Steuben County. Along with her leadership, the CCE Livingston staff of 14 will continue doing programming and are easily accessible at [ccelivingstoncounty.org](http://ccelivingstoncounty.org).

"I'm happy to support the very capable CCE Livingston team as they move forward to support the needs of the county," McKinley said.

McKinley took the helm at CCE Steuben in September 2019 and led the staff of 13 through the tumultuous pandemic years. McKinley lives in Bath near the CCE Steuben office and is very involved in her community. She is secretary of the

Dormann Library Board of Trustees, President of the Bath Rotary Club for 2022, a board member of the Institute of Human Services, Inc., serves on the Steuben Human Services Committee, is a member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau and the Finger Lakes Farm Country committee.

She continues to actively learn about CCE's many programs. She has invested herself thoroughly with any trainings offered at CCE Steuben such as becoming a Master Money Mentor in the Financial Education Program (10 hours of training) and becoming a Master Gardener in the Agriculture Program (24 hours of training and 100 hours of volunteer give-back time). She was recently selected to the Appalachian Leadership Institute for the 2021-2022 class. Only 40 people in 13 states are selected for this honor and she has been traveling to different parts of the Appalachian area for the seminars to train her on how to better support and grow various industries in our region. McKinley is committed to her leadership role within the community and shows this every day.

McKinley received her bachelor of science in education from SUNY Genesee and her master of science in management from Keuka College. She has a ILES Green Belt Certification, has been on the Food Bank of the Southern Tier Advocacy Committee and the Advisory Committee of RSVP of Steuben County.

McKinley can be reached at the CCE Steuben office at 607.664.2301 or at the CCE Livingston office at 585.991.5429. She can receive email at [tsm223@cornell.edu](mailto:tsm223@cornell.edu).

## Free mental health first aid training for ag community in Livingston County

NY FarmNet and CCE Livingston County will offer a free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course on Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The training will take place at the Livingston County Building, 1 Conference

Center, 1 Murray Hill Dr., Mt. Morris. Farmers, agribusiness workers and anyone who interacts with the ag community is encouraged to attend this free training. Lunch will be provided from a local eatery, with a break

from noon.

MHFA teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

After the course, you will be able to:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help.
- Use self-care tools and techniques.

Participants will be required to complete

roughly two hours of online pre-work before attending the in-person session. The instructors for this course are Ashley Colosi, NY FarmNet family consultant, and Tim Bigham, senior field advisor with NY Farm Bureau. This free training is made possible by funding from the USDA's National Institute of Food & Agriculture. They have invested nearly \$25 million in addressing farmer behavioral health on a state by state basis as part of the Farm and Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) through state Departments of Agriculture.

Go to [forms.gle/QMyrc7Kj8dJmU88H8](https://forms.gle/QMyrc7Kj8dJmU88H8) to register by Aug. 19. Contact NY FarmNet at 1.800.547.3276 with any questions.



# Country Folks

B12 • October 31, 2022

COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

## Livingston Co. 4-H names Volunteer of the Year



Construction Equipment **MARKETPLACE**

Jessica Gramkee has been named the 2022 Livingston County 4-H Volunteer of the Year. The award is presented annually to a volunteer who has made a significant positive impact on 4-H youth through their outstanding commitment and service to the 4-H program.

Jessica has volunteered with 4-H for five years as both a parent helper and enrolled 4-H volunteer. She became involved in 4-H when her daughter joined the program as a Cloverbud member. As a parent helper, she attended activity nights with her daughter where she willingly helped other members with their activities and would lend a helping hand wherever needed. From parent helper, she took a brave step and started her own 4-H club serving as the club leader.

"Jessica's organizational and communication skills, along with her positive encouragement for members trying new project areas and activities, exemplifies the model 4-H club leader," said 4-H Educator Renee Hopkins. "Her club members regularly participate in county-wide events and are always exploring new opportunities."

Being a successful club leader is not where her 4-H participation and leadership ended. Along with her daughter, Jessica was a regular attendee of the county-wide 4-H Photography Club.

Having a photography background, she was more than happy to offer feedback and instruction to club members. When she was asked to co-lead the club, she jumped at the chance. The knowledge she shared with members helped them improve their own photography skills.

Jessica has also been a member of the 4-H Advisory Committee for two years serving as co-chair and secretary. She brings a unique perspective to the committee that represents homeschool groups, Cloverbuds, the traditional 4-H club program and the small animal

program.

Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said, "Jessica is a wonderful 4-H volunteer who continues to not only challenge her club members to be their best but herself as well. As a club leader and program advisory

committee member, she has embraced the many volunteer leadership opportunities that 4-H has to offer. As a result, Jessica is making many positive contributions and impacts on our program. Congratulations on this well-deserved award."



(L - R) Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer, 4-H Educator Jennifer Schwab, Volunteer Jessica Gramkee and 4-H Educator Renee Hopkins.  
Photo courtesy of CCE Livingston

# Country Folks

B20 • October 24, 2022

COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

## Livingston Co. 4-H names Animal Science Sportsmen of the Year

Alyssa Healy and Aydan Low have been named Livingston Co. 4-H Animal Science Sportsmen of the Year. The award is given annually to a 4-H animal program member based on a peer nomination on their behalf. This award recognizes a member who relates well to others, portrays a positive attitude when winning and losing and exhibits general sportsman-like conduct.

While the award typically recognizes one 4-H member annually, there were two well deserving recipients this year.

Here are a few lines from Alyssa's peer nomination: "Alyssa has gone out of her way to help me take care of my rabbit and get ready for my rabbit show at the Hemlock Fair. She is always just a phone call away when I need help or advice for the care of my rabbit or with paperwork.

Alyssa helped me practice many times for the actual showmanship portion of the rabbit show at the fair this year and she was always able and willing to help me feed or take care of my animal if I wasn't at the fair."

Here are a few lines from Aydan's peer nomination: "During the Hemlock Fair this year, Aydan was constantly helping others and staying positive. Aydan only showed swine, rabbit and meat birds but you would always see him helping others in barns he didn't even show in. Aydan could also be seen helping others with their animal chores, teaching others how to show their animals and helping with quick animal changes during shows."

4-H Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said, "Alyssa and Aydan

have shown exceptional 4-H sportsmanship both inside the show ring and out. They can always be found helping younger 4-H members prepare for shows by sharing their showing skills and even calming anxious nerves with positive reinforcement. At the completion of each of their classes, they are sure to congratulate their fellow exhibitors on a job well done. Alyssa and Aydan continually represent excellent sportsmanship and are more than deserving of this award."

The Livingston Co. 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year Award is sponsored by Shooting Star Farm.



Alyssa Healy receiving her award.  
Photo courtesy of CCE Livingston

# Country Folks

A10 • October 31, 2022

COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

## Livingston Co. 4-H names Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship recipients

Chaundacey Crane-Yackley and Aydan Low have been named the recipients of the Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2007 by Livingston Co. 4-H in memory of Ace, the first 4-H agent in the county. It recognizes current 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership skills and served their community through participation in the Livingston Co. 4-H program. The winners are awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be used toward a secondary education program, resulting in a certification or degree.

Chaundacey has been a Livingston Co. 4-H'er for nine years. As a four-year member of Teen Council, she has served as a leader on the hospitality, community service and recreation committees. Additionally, she has been a two-year member of both the 4-H Advisory Committee and County Youth Board where she helped to guide youth

programming in the county. She has completed project work in the areas of photography, horticulture, public speaking/public presentations, woodworking and rabbits.

Through her involvement in 4-H, Chaundacey quickly realized her passion for connecting with and serving her community. This passion led her to pursue a career as a Department of Environmental Conversation Field Officer where she will be able to connect with her com-

munity and help the environment. Chaundacey is currently attending Finger Lakes Community College to earn her degree.

Aydan has been a 4-H member for 13 years. As a four-year member of Teen Council, he served as vice president for two years. Additionally, he is a three-year member of the 4-H Advisory Committee and two-year member of the STARR Planning Committee where he served as an activity and group leader and voiced the perspective of 4-H

teens. He has completed project work in the horticulture, food and nutrition, public speaking/public presentations, dairy, poultry, rabbits, goats, swine and agriculture project areas.

He is currently attending SUNY Cobleskill pursuing a bachelor's degree in technology in animal science with a concentration in dairy management.

Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said, "Chaundacey and Aydan have both done an extraordinary job

representing the characteristics that the Russell B. Ace Memorial Scholarship were founded on - leadership and service. Through their involvement with 4-H Teen Council, various state-level 4-H teen leadership events and other youth service organizations they not only demonstrated these characteristics but are now teaching younger youth how to lead and serve. Congratulations, Chaundacey and Aydan, on this well-deserved honor."

COUNTRY FOLKS WEST

## 'Hold Your Horses,' an equine nutrition webinar series

May 9, 2022 • B11

The Equine Subgroup of the statewide CCE Livestock Program Work Team three-part nutrition webinar series "Hold Your Horses" continues this week. The presentation will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. There is no fee to participate; however, preregistration is required. Both presentations have an individual registration link; you will receive the link to join upon confirmation of your registration.

• May 11: Pasture Management - Ken Estes Jr., ag program leader, CCE Livingston. In this session we will explore the best management practices to provide and maintain forage for your livestock (in this case, horses in a pasture). Topics include soil health, plant selection, loading density, mowing, dragging, resting, fertilizing and weed control. We will also look at new trends in pasture design with dry lots and track pastures. Register at reg.

cce.cornell.edu/PastureMgmt\_222.

• June 8: Forage Analysis - Sarah E. Fessenden, business development manager, forage and soils, Dairy One, and Lynn Bliven, ag & natural resources issue leader, CCE Allegany. The cost per ton or bale is not an indicator of value. Forage analysis will make it easier to match nutrient requirements for your horses. Join a discussion on interpreting forage analysis reports and factors that impact evalua-

tion of hay quality. Register at reg.cce.cornell.edu/ForageAnalysis\_222.

If you missed the live session in April on "Equine Nutrition: Equine Metabolic Diseases and Common Pitfalls When Feeding Horses" with Dr. Lindsay Goodale, lecturer, Cornell CALS, you may view the recording at youtube.com/watch?v=V7qbc26K4Qo.