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## Directors



# 2024 Cobleskill Agricultural Society Board Members

## SUNSHINE FAIR ADDS 2 NEW DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society, newly elected directors Megan Ostrander and Bridget Mayne were added to The Sunshine Fair Board.

Megan Ostrander, born and raised in Richmondville owns and runs Ostrander Insurance Agency in Cobleskill. Opening the business in November of 2019. Megan has been a resident of Schoharie County all of her life. While raising two wonderful children ages eight and five, she also finds the time to be an active member of the community. Her long history of being a supporter of the Sunshine Fair, from participating in the demolition derby, and volunteering made her decide to become a member of the board. Megan is looking forward to bringing her ideas to The Sunshine Fair Board.

Bridget Mayne, has lived in Schoharie County her whole life. She has worked at climbing corporate ladders for the last 18 years of her life in Sales and Marketing. She has fond memories of showing her horses at the fair and helping at horse shows and other livestock shows throughout the fair. Bridget's very first official



Left to right: Seated - Brendon Becker (Treasurer), Ed Bradt III, Doug Cater (President), Tim Purcell, Megan Ostrander  
Standing - Clarissa Kniskern (Secretary), Bruce Wright, John Leavitt, James Collins, Bridget Mayne, Lois Goblet (Vice President)

paying job was working in the fair office at 15 years old. She hopes to bring her experience and knowledge of sales, marketing, and event operations to the board and continue the success of the Sunshine Fair for generations to come.



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**Schedules subject to change**

**[www.sunshinefair.org](http://www.sunshinefair.org)**

**Gates open at 9am, Buildings open 11am to 10pm**

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## President's Message



Dear Friends,

We welcome you to the 147th Edition of The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair where we are proud to present to you one of New York's finest fairs.

Our 2024 guide book provides a unique overall view of this year's magnificent program and will give you the key to planning your visit to the fair. Our theme this year is "Something to Crow About" so, whatever day you visit, you will be filled with a great opportunity to be educated and entertained!

Several new attractions highlighted from 2024 are, Country Superstar Josh Turner will be featured on the main stage on Wednesday evening. Chubby Checker "The King of Twist" will perform on Saturday evening in the huge party tent theater, and Professional Wrestling along with Midget Wrestling will open our fair on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> (also located in the party tent theater.)

**All of your favorites**, Demolition Derbies, Truck and Tractor pulls, The Zerbini's Family Circus, Rosaire's Racing Pigs, Bryan Ruth- Chainsaw Carver, HBH Clydesdale display, Dock Dogs, and the Dog performing agility display will be returning! Opening the fair on Tuesday at noon will be the New York Sires Stakes Harness Racing Program.

**New this year**, located east of the grandstand will be the "Extreme Raptor Show" which is an extraordinary and outstanding array of Birds of Prey, featuring Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, and Owls! Three shows will be offered daily, and this is one that you will not want to miss!

Showcasing Agriculture is what we like to do best so we encourage you to visit our Livestock and Equine areas with shows daily.

*The Board of Directors of The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair take great pride in the options that we have built in to this year's fair and hope that you enjoy your stay with us!*

Doug Cater  
President



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# Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Dedication

## SANDI EMANUEL



Schoharie County lost a valuable member of the Agricultural Community with the unexpected passing of Sandi Emanuel in December 2023.

Sandi, along with her late husband Bruce, owned and operated the Emanuel Stables in Richmondville. From their home, they hosted 4-H clubs over the years, taught riding lessons, boarded horses and took clients to horse shows.

Sandi was active in Schoharie County 4-H Equine program, by leading 4-H clubs, coaching horse bowl, hippology and horse judging team to many regional, state and national championships. Several community service projects improved the area, the most recent was improvements to the horse show stabling at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, and establishing the Bruce Emanuel 4-H Horse Barn.

As an active member in the YoSchoHaro Riding club, established in 1946, Sandi served the club in many capacities including President and Treasurer. She and her husband Bruce were instrumental in raising money for the Youth Scholarships. Sandi was the annual horse show chairperson for many years. Her talents for organizing the annual event were second to none.

Sandi served in many capacities in the New York State Saddle Horse Association, including several terms as President. She served as chairperson for their annual Fall Round-Up Horse Show, initiated the Spring Fling Horse Show, served on the Youth of the Year committee, Rules Committee and others.

As a past President of the NYS Quarter Horse Association, and her involvement in the Equine Valley Association, Sandi's efforts drew world champion caliber Quarter Horses, Palomino and Buckskin horses to come and compete at the fairgrounds.

The Sunshine Horse Show Series circuit, based at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, had much to be thankful for, with

Sandi's help. She worked tirelessly to help with the rules, host shows, organize the annual year-end awards banquet and promote the series.

With the State University of New York at Cobleskill, Sandi served as the Equestrian Riding Coach, helping the teams win National titles, traveling to North Carolina several times and as far West as California for the Finals.

Sandi's love for the community was clearly shown by her serving as President and also on the Board of Directors for many terms, with the Schoharie County Agricultural Society. Her heart was into making the Cobleskill Fair Horse Shows the best in New York State. Sandi worked year round to improve the shows. At the fair, she hosted rated shows with the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, the American Miniature Horse Association, American Shetland Pony Association and the Pony's of the Americas Inc., plus Open English, Western and Driving shows during the fair. The Donkey & Mule Show was also initiated by her efforts. Sandi's most recently served as Vice-President, with her term ending in 2021.

Sandi strived to make the Cobleskill Fairgrounds one of the best in the East. Her special touch and fundraising efforts improved the stabling, food court, outdoor arena and saw the covered arena built to be functional and aesthetically pleasing to the historic fairgrounds.

More than anything, Sandi was a person of the community. She should be recognized for encouraging and assisting others, especially youth, without personal gain.

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DAILY – TUESDAY- SENIOR 62 AND OVER RIDES INCLUDED	\$10 TIL 4PM	\$10.40
DAILY – TUESDAY – SENIOR 62 AND OVER	\$15 AFTER 4PM	\$15.60
DAILY – TUESDAY	\$15	\$15.60
DAILY –WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY	\$20	20.80
DAILY – SATURDAY, SUNDAY	\$22	22.88
CHILDREN UNDER 3 RIDES AVAILABLE FOR \$5 IF TALL ENOUGH TO RIDE	FREE	FREE
AMERICAN HERO DAY RIDES INCLUDED	FREE WITH VALID ID	FREE WITH VALID ID
ADVANCE SALES	SEASON AND DAILY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT EVENTBRITE SEASON TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE THROUGH PAYPAL	
MIDWAY	UNLIMITED MIDWAY RIDES BY DREAMLAND AMUSEMENTS TUESDAY 4PM –11PM WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY 12NOON – 11PM AGES 3 AND UP	
ALL GRANDSTAND AND FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE		
PARKING	FREE PARKING ON GROUNDS WHEN AVAILABLE OVERFLOW PARKING – FOLLOW SIGNS, FREE TRAM SERVICE PROVIDED	
READMISSION POLICY	READMISSION WRISTBAND AND/OR TICKET REQUIRED WHEN LEAVING GROUNDS. CHECK WITH GATE PERSONNEL	
TICKET POLICY	NO REFUNDS, EXCHANGES OR REPLACEMENT. ALL SALES FINAL	
HOURS	GATES OPEN 9AM – MIDNIGHT	
BUILDING HOURS	OPEN AT 11AM – 10PM	
WHEELCHAIRS	FAIR DOES NOT PROVIDE MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS OR SCOOTERS LIMITED WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE – ON FIRST – COME BASIS NO RESERVATIONS	
PET POLICY	NO PETS ALLOWED – CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY, PROOF OF RABIES SHOT	
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## Tram Service 2024

When the parking areas on the Fairground are full, it becomes necessary to use an alternate parking facility to which, you may be directed. Trams will be available to transport you to the fairground from this parking facility (and back) – FREE of CHARGE.

We have three trams when operating at full capacity. Passengers will be dropped off at our Main Gate; ticketing

takes place here. It is here also, that you would return for a ride back to your vehicles at the parking facility. Donations are accepted to help defray the cost of fuel for the tractors. THANK YOU!

**ALL TRAMS STOP AT 11 PM.**





# Dale M. All Memorial Bicycle Giveaway

Bicycles will be given away at the Fair  
**Thursday, August 8, 6:00 PM**  
in the Party Tent

Many local businesses, organizations, churches and individuals have donated to a pool of funds for the purchase of these bicycles. Bicycles will be purchased in 6 different sizes. Also, there will be trikes 2 – 4 year-olds.

Here's how it works:

1. Tickets will be given away (one per person) from 11 AM to 5:30 PM at the Party Tent
2. Choose the size bicycle which fits you best.
3. Drop your ticket stub in the jar for your appropriate bike size.
4. At 6:00 **PM** we will draw from each jar, and **YOU** may be the winner of a new bicycle.

This is for kids **ONLY**. And "the kid" must be present to win. (We will allow parental help for the smallest bicycles. Under 13 must have parent/guardian.)

If you would like to sponsor a bike or bikes in the future, please contact the Fair Office for further details.



## Dreamland Amusements Midway 2024

The Schoharie County Sunshine Fair is pleased to announce Dreamland Amusements as the midway provider for the 147th annual Sunshine Fair. Dreamland Amusements will provide the midway entertainment for thrill seekers young and old along with family style rides, games of skill and midway fare. Fair goers can expect a family friendly environment with Dreamland Amusements.

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## EQUIPMENT ROADEO

**Saturday, August 10 at 11:00am**

### Rules:

1. Must be 18 years or older to submit entry for competition. Entry forms must be submitted online or at the Fair office by **AUGUST 10, 2024**.
2. Competitors must provide references of operator experience or work experience to compete.
3. Must fill out all attached forms.



### SCHOHARIE COUNTY SUNSHINE FAIR

## EQUIPMENT ROADEO!

### Entry Form

#### Competitor Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Operating Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

#### References:

(Provide at least 2 references of places of employment where you have operated equipment)

NAME and CONTACT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\$100 Entry Fee has been provided: YES ☐ NO ☐

Competitor agrees that all the information above is correct and ensures they are a competent equipment operator, aware of the safety precautions necessary when operating heavy equipment to ensure the safety of themselves and others. If during the event officials notify the competitor to stop operation of equipment, to ensure safety of others the competitor will comply and remove hands from the machine controls. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation as determined by Cobleskill Agricultural Society (CAS). If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the CAS. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CAS, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), FROM ALL LIABILITY TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Signature of Competitor \_\_\_\_\_

**THE ROADEO will be a competition of equipment operators to navigate and obstacle course and tasks using construction equipment. Intended course includes using a mini excavator and skid steer, but may vary.**

- CASH prizes will be awarded.
- Competitors are encouraged to take a trail round of the course starting at 9:00am prior to competition.
- Entry Forms must be submitted by August 1st in order to compete. All forms should be filled out and mailed or emailed to [info@sunshinefair.org](mailto:info@sunshinefair.org).
- Entry fee must be received prior to competition.

There will be no late fee, no late entries will be accepted.

**Mailed submission shall be sent to:**  
**Cobleskill Agricultural Society**  
**PO Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043**  
• Entry Fee will include One Day admission to the Fairgrounds for the day of the event.

• Any further questions contact the Fair Office at 518-234-2123 or [info@sunshinefair.org](mailto:info@sunshinefair.org)



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### PLAY TO WIN – THE TRADITION CONTINUES

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The Agriculture and NY State Horse Breeding Development Fund, sponsor of the NY Sire Stakes, has now guaranteed a minimum purse of \$2,000 per division for the 2- and 3-year-olds racing. We encourage everyone to come on out and take in one of the earliest traditions of our county fair and participate in the \$875 “Pot Of Gold” giveaway. You could be one of the several lucky winners!



## NYTPA SANCTIONED TRACTOR PULL

Tractor pulling, also known as power pulling, is a motorsport competition that began prior to the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled by horses. Farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and seek to compare and contest against one another to see who had the most powerful animals. It wasn't until 1929 when motorized vehicles were first used, and the sport did not really become popular until the '50s and '60s. So, come see what began many years ago when farmers came out of the fields to the local fair with hopes of taking home bragging rights by pulling the heaviest weight the furthest first with horses and now tractors. These much-anticipated events bring pulling enthusiasts from all over the Northeast and beyond. It's loud but so much fun!

**The NYTP Sanctioned Tractor Pull is Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.**



## TRUCK PULL

The 4x4 truck pulls are filled with speed, smoke, and loud engines. On **Saturday afternoon August 10<sup>th</sup>**, these are the only things that can be heard over the sounds of animals and children enjoying rides. 7 classes ranging from daily drivers on the street, to all out modified pulling trucks with over a 1000 horsepower, will dig and claw their way down the 300 ft track hoping to pull the multi-ton sled the farthest! Black smoke and loud engines, what's not to enjoy about a county fair truck pull!!





## Schoharie County Sunshine Fair **DEMOLITION DERBIES**

August 6th, August 8th  
& August 11th



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This is a family fun event for the entire family, come enjoy one or all three of our shows, **Tuesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30; Thursday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and Sunday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.**

For rules, questions, registration forms or interest in participating, please send an email to [sunshinefairdemo@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinefairdemo@gmail.com)

NOTE: Cars are inspected, and rules are written and abided by for your safety and for the safety of other drivers, spectators, and volunteers.

**Team Derby  
Registration Form  
on next page**

### Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Driver Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Pit crew member: (1 per driver) \_\_\_\_\_

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Or Please mail forms to: Schoharie County Sunshine Fair: PO Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043





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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Driver 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Event: Please circle one:

Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> Bone Stock Compact Team

Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> Small Truck Team

Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> Compact Team

Car Number 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Number 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee for team events is \$100.00. (\$50.00 per vehicle)**

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Please mail forms to:

Schoharie County Sunshine Fair: PO Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043



## The Raptor Project

### *Profile-*

### *Jonathan Wood*

A boyhood spent growing up in the National Seashore wilderness of New York's Fire Island nurtured Jonathan Wood's fascination with birds and birding. A chance encounter with a young falcon stranded on the beach lured him into the ancient art of falconry. He started training falcons at age twelve and by age sixteen was a recognized ornithologist, writer and wildlife photographer with his own weekly bird column.

In 1996 Wood founded Raptor Project Inc., training and caring for the largest traveling collection of birds of prey in the world, with raptors from a wide variety of habitats and countries. Jonathan is one of the few professional master falconers in America delivering over 700 lectures, shows and large exhibits across the U.S. annually affecting millions of fans.

Wood is a federally licensed Master Falconer, Wildlife Rehabilitator, Raptor Propagator and is also licensed to handle eagles and endangered species for educational programs.

His expertise has placed him in demand as a consultant to national zoos and he works regularly on movies, documentaries, commercials, theatrical productions and books. In 2003 he was awarded the National Conservation Medal at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Jonathan Wood is the inspiration for the character Jon Wood in the popular novel *Frightful's Mountain* by award winning author Jean Craighead George.

His frequent road tours take him to many major events, fairs and festivals as well as a variety of colleges, schools, museums and wildlife centers. Along with his feathered friends he is regularly highlighted on national television including Animal Planet, The Discovery Channel, National Geographic Explorer, The Learning Channel, The Today Show, Good Morning America, The Early Show, Regis and Kelly, Fox and Friends, CNN, ESPN, PBS, CBN and TBN.

In 2011 Jonathan Wood produced *Extreme Raptors*, the world's largest birds of prey show for Six Flags Theme Parks Inc.

In 2003 Jonathan Wood was awarded the National Conservation Medal at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. for outstanding achievement in environmental awareness.

Between busy road tours, Jonathan, his wife Susan and daughter Rachel reside in the heart of New York's Catskill mountains and winters are spent at their home on North Padre Island on the Texas Gulf coast.

Currently Wood is a sponsored member of Nikon's Birding Prostaff.







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The auction is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Sunday, August 11th, in front of the Circus Museum by the Pedestrian Gate. (4% credit card surcharge)



## Farm Toy Exhibit

Welcome to the Schoharie County Sunshine fairs Toy Tractor Display, shown in the Newly named Hall of Ag dedicated to Dale All building.

Mr. All was an officer of the fair for many years and was instrumental in starting this toy collection. As you can see it has grown considerably over the years. Most of the toys in the display belong to Mr. All and Ron VanBuren.

A lot of the toys have been loaned from local families, including the Manchester family, John Dab & others.

We have expanded our pedal tractor display, thanks to the help of the sunshine fair workers. Most of Mr. All and Mr. VanBuren's toys were purchased right here at the sunshine fair in the 1960's. Some of the machinery dealers were Jared VanWagenen International and Farmall dealer. Also Hendrickson's John Deere Dealership. The hand made toys were built by Lee Robinson of Seward.

Please enjoy the display and if you have any questions, Mr. VanBuren will be here most days.

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## HEATHER BROOKE HILL CLYDESDALES ARE COMING TO THE FAIR!

Heather Brooke Hill Clydesdales, owned and operated by John and Stephanie Leavitt, will be making a 6-day appearance at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. The "Gentle Giants", known by many, have been shown throughout New England as well as in parades, weddings and other special events. We encourage you to stop by and visit this beautiful display of horses along with their magnificent show wagons and show harness located east of the Grandstand in the horse area. Be sure to have your picture taken with one of the "Gentle Giants" or on a show wagon and ask any questions you may have regarding the draft horse world.







## Discover Heritage Village

You will be swept off your feet as you witness the many historical hands on displays and activities found in **HERITAGE VILLAGE**.

Laurel Dabbs will demonstrate the art of decoy carving, using traditional materials, hand tools and methods. All the different stages of making a gunning decoy, from pattern making to finish sanding, will be available as a hands-on display, along with a traditional cedar hunting boat and antique and working decoys. Educational displays from museum exhibitions will highlight the decoy's rich history, and painting tutorials will be offered each day as weather permits. Make & take projects and activities for children of all ages will be provided. Come and learn more about this most American of folk arts.

Blacksmith, Lewis Riggleman, will set up his blacksmith shop and provide a traditional demonstration producing various forged items in appropriate dress and along with his wife, Dianne, who will set up circa 1900 rope winding station and provide hands-on demonstrations resulting in a 6' length, 6 or 12 strand 3 lay rope.

Paper marbler, John C. Bielik, is an itinerant artisan, instructor, and historic trades preservationist. You will be amazed as he magically transforms plain paper with colorful and creative designs. Each one is a one-of-a-kind. Come learn about the historic trades of papermaking, book binding, and paper marbling.

Be sure to take a stroll back in time!



workbench  
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We encourage everyone to come out and try your luck at the long-time tradition.



### The Country Store

Be sure to check out our new Country Store with a new logo and merchandise. You will find sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, as well as new products featuring the sunshine fair. Stop by and see us at our new location.



### Youth Bureau

The Youth Bureau is excited to have a table at the fair to share with the public, all of the fun programs, advocacy projects, and facilitate teambuilding games with the fair goers. Our Youth Bureau team is comprised of 3 full time staff and 8 Summer staff to offer a diverse range of outdoor recreation programs, multi-agency collaborations, and promoting positive youth development throughout Schoharie County.

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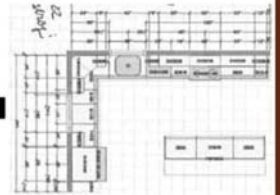
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**HAVE A SWINE TIME!**

And they travel in style, in a specially outfitted **RV** called the **Porcine Palace**. The lower section of the vehicle, complete with air conditioning, is home for the hogs. Something unique about Rosaire's Royal Racers, and unlike any other traveling pig racing company, is that they have a private outdoor exercise area for all the animals, so they can go outside as they choose. The humans' living quarters are upstairs.

This truly is a show for the ENTIRE family! Kids and adults alike ALWAYS "squeal" with delight as these speedy swine fly around the 180ft all aluminum track in about 7 seconds! Cheerleaders or "Pig Rooters" from the audience are picked to represent each pig - Audience Participation a Must.

The pigs begin training to be racers when they're about one month old. The Rosaire's used cream-filled cookies, similar to Oreos, as bait. "Running," however, might not be the most accurate description when the Vietnamese potbellied pigs hit the track. No less a crowd pleaser than the swifter Yorkshires and Durocs, the rotund racers waddle for the cookie.

## Central K9 Performance Dogs

Jessica Edgerly and her team of High Flying Dock and Frisbee dogs that have competed all over the United States in many organizations. Her dogs have been on ESPN, Westminster and also Good Morning America. These dogs have many National Championships and are exciting to watch.



Come join in on the fun and watch these dogs do what they love.



## Dogs Dogs Dogs



Come visit the Canine Center at the Sunshine Fair. Meet the members of the Schoharie County Kennel Club and their furry companions.

Learn more about the positive reinforcement training methods as you watch daily demonstrations including agility, rally, scent work, tricks and obedience.

This is a Force Free venue: No shock collars and no prong collars.





## Iona Troupe Irish Step Dancers

**Sat., Aug. 10**  
**12pm & 3pm, Party Tent**



Iona Troupe brings the best of Irish tradition to the modern stage. They spin energetic choreographies to traditional, and sometimes, not so traditional music. Comprised of everyday people from all walks of life, the troupe brings to life the ancient magic of Irish dance in a multi-generational troupe. From the primal rhythms of their treble reels to the lilting joy of their jigs, to the tranquil peace of their slip jigs, it is the group's good pleasure to suspend the discord of a hectic, modern life with an infusion of ageless art and form, and best of all, tradition! They are sure to bring a smile to your face, a tap to your foot and inspire passion in your soul.

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## Pony Pull

**Wed., Aug. 7**

**5pm, east of the Grandstand**

Mini Horse Pull, 2 classes: one 36 inch and one 40 inch class. It will be a 10 foot elimination Pull as we add more weight with three hitches in a 5 minute time limit. These mini horses are conditioned and trained on a daily routine and in top health to compete at this level. This is a no touch sport. For any questions or entries please contact Jennifer Austin 860-608-3077





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## TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024

### Senior Day & Harness Racing "Play To Win Day"

Harness Racing Pot-of-Gold Jackpot

Total Prize Money \$825; Plus Limited Free Giveaways

RIDES OPEN AT 4PM TODAY

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11 AM-7PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
DAILY	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
9:00 AM	Junior Beef Show	Show Barn
11:00 AM	Blackberry Pie Contest Entries Due	Hall of Agriculture
12:00 PM	Harness Racing	Grandstand
12:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
12:30 PM	Blackberry Pie Contest Judging	Hall of Agriculture
1:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
1 PM - 4 PM	Bingo	Party Tent Theater
1:00 PM	Rabbit Junior Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
2:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
2:30PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
3:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
4:00 PM	Donkey & Mule Show	Superior Housing Arena
4:00 PM	Dairy Judging	Show Barn
4:30 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
5:00 PM	NBHA Barrell Race	Bruce L. Cater Show Ring
6:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
6:30 PM	Demolition Derby	Grandstand
6:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
7:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
7:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
7:30 PM	Wrestling	Party Tent Theater

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## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2024

### Festival of Horses Day

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

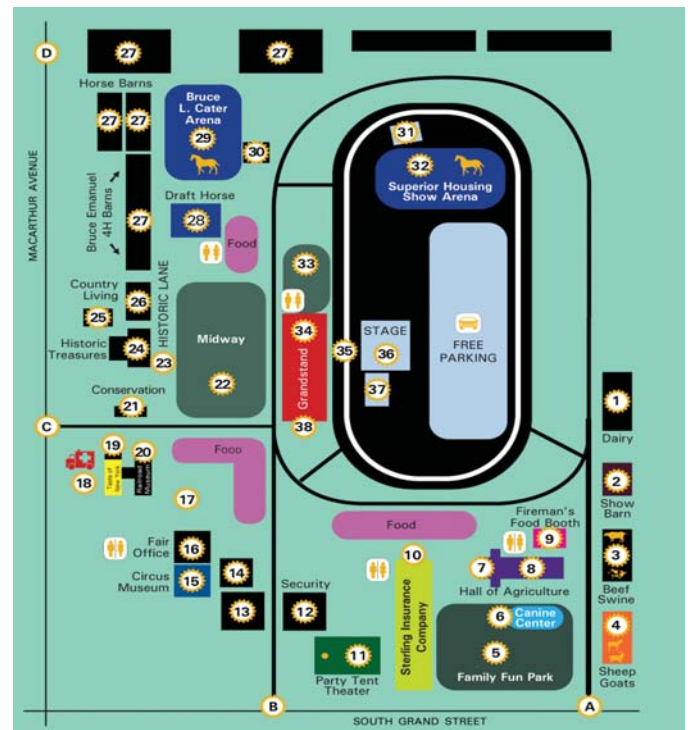
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:00 AM-7:00 PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
DAILY	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
9:00 AM	4H Dairy showmanship & Junior & Sr. Animals	Show Barn
9:30 AM	Draft Horse Show - Halter Classes	Superior Housing Arena
10:00 AM	Sheep Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
11:00 AM	Maple Muffin Contest Entries Due	Hall of Agriculture
12:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
12:30 PM	Maple Muffin Contest Judging Starts	Hall of Agriculture
1:00 PM	Draft Horse Show - Performance Classes	Superior Housing Arena
	East End of the Grandstand	
1:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
1 PM - 4 PM	Bingo	Party Tent Theater
2:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
2:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
	East End of the Grandstand	
3:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
4:00 PM	Gymkhana Junior Show	Bruce L. Cater Show Ring
4:30 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
5:00 PM	Beef Show Open Classes	Show Barn
5:00 PM	Pony Pull	East of the Grandstand
	East End of the Grandstand	
6:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
6:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
7:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
7:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
7:30 PM	Tom Nitti	Grandstand
8:30 PM	Josh Turner	Grandstand

## THURSDAY AUGUST 8, 2024

### Young American Day • Bicycle Give-Away Day

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11 AM-7PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth" Miniature Circus	
DAILY	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
8:30 AM	Junior Dept. Horse Shows	Both Horse Rings
9:00 AM	Goat Junior Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
11:00-5:30PM	Bicycle Giveaway Tickets Given Out	Party Tent Theater
11:00 AM	Ugliest Cake Contest Entries Due	Hall of Agriculture
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bingo	Party Tent Theater
12:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
	East End of the Grandstand	
1:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
1:00 PM	Beautiful Child Contest 9-12 & 13-23 Months	Party Tent Theater
1:00 PM	Sheep Junior Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
1:00 PM	Rabbit Hopping Contest	Show Barn
2:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
2:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
3:00 PM	Karaoke Quaffier Age 11 & Under	Party Tent Theater
	East End of the Grandstand	
3:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
4:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
4:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
4:00 PM	Karaoke Qualifier Age 12-17	Party Tent Theater
5:00 PM	Swine Junior Show	Show Barn
6:00 PM	Bicycle Giveaway	Party Tent Theater
	East End of the Grandstand	
6:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
6:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
7:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
7:00 PM	Kiddie Tractor Pull	East of the Hall of Ag
7:30 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
7:30 PM	Demolition Derby	Grandstand
8:00 PM	Karaoke Qualifier 18 & Over	Party Tent Theater



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## FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2024

### Tractor Pulling Day

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:00 AM-7:00 PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
DAILY	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
8:30 AM	Open Horse Show	Superior Housing Arena
9:00 AM	Dairy Open Show	Show Barn
12:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
1:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
1:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
2:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
3:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
3:00 PM	Rabbit Open Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
3:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
3:30 PM	Beautiful Child Contest 2-3 & 3 - 4 Yrs	Party Tent Theater
4:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
5:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
5:00 PM	Swine Open Classes	Show Barn
6:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
6:00 PM	Ugliest Cake Contest Winner Announced	Hall of Agriculture
6:00 PM	NYTPA Tractor Pull	Grandstand
6:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
7:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
7:30 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
8:00 PM	Grand Central Station	Party Tent Theater

Schedules are Subject to Change

## SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2024

### American Hero Day

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:00 AM-7:00 PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
DAILY	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center
8:30 AM	Open Horse Show	Superior Housing Arena
9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ABOVE	Meat & Fiber Goat Show Open Classes	Sheep/Goat Barn
9:00 AM	Gymkhana Horse Show	Bruce L. Cater Show Ring
9:00 AM	Jr. Dept Dog Show	Show Barn
11:00 AM	Equipment Roadeo	Grandstand
11:00 AM	Little Britches Showmanship	Show Barn
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles Contest Entries	Hall of Agriculture
11:00 AM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
12:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
12:00 PM	Irish Dancers	Party Tent Theater
12:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
12:30 PM	Annual Aggie Scott Memorial Chocolate Jumbles Contest Judging	Hall of Agriculture
1:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
2:00 PM	All Animal Costume Parade	Show Barn
2:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
2:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
3:00 PM	Irish Dancers	Party Tent Theater
3:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
4:00 PM	Junior Dept Auction	Pole Barn
4:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
5:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
5:30 PM	Truck Pull	Grandstand
5:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
6:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
7:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
8:00 PM	Chubby Checker & The Wildcats	Party Tent Theater
8:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)

## SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024

### Super 8 Motel Day

RIDES OPEN AT NOON

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11:00 AM-7:00 PM	Heritage Village	Heritage Park
DAILY	Sunshine Fair's Greatest Show on Earth"	
	Miniature Circus	Circus Museum
DAILY	Master of Chainsaw Sculpture	East End of the Grandstand
DAILY	Model Railroad Exhibit	Railroad Walkway
DAILY	Taste of New York	Taste of NY Building
DAILY	Junior Dept. Exhibits & Demonstrations	Progressland
DAILY	Heather Brooke Clydesdales	Horse Barn
DAILY	Dog Demonstrations	Canine Center

9:00 AM	Minature Horse & Pony Horse Show	Superior Housing Arena
9:00 AM	Out of Field Tractor Pull	Grandstand
10:00 AM	Livestock Award Ceremony	Dairy Barn
10:00 AM	Faith Bible Church Service	Party Tent Theater
12:00 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
12:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
12:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
12:00 PM	Poultry Junior Show	Sheep/Goat Barn
1:00 PM	Hay Bale Toss	Show Barn
1:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
1:00 PM	Karaoke Finals	Party Tent Theater
3:00 PM	Central K9 Performance Dogs - Dock Dogs	Family Fun Park
3:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
3:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
3:30 PM	Chainsaw Sculpture Auction, Master of the Chainsaw Carvings	Pedestrian (Main) Gate Entrance
5:30 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park
5:30 PM	Demolition Derby Championship	Grandstand
6:00 PM	Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs	Historic Lane (East End)
6:30 PM	Extreme Raptors Show	East End of the Grandstand
7:00 PM	Zerbini Circus	Family Fun Park

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We hope you enjoyed the 2024 Sunshine Fair ~ See you next year!



### Wrestling

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
**7:30pm Party Tent**

As seen in the 2000s WWE and TNA Short Sleeve Sampson is coming to the opening night of the Sunshine Fair as he takes on Rob The Giant! These 2 as well as many local favorites such as Cobleskill's Garrett Holiday, Shayne Stetson, Christina Marie, Sean Carr and much more can be seen as Immortal Championship Wrestling presents **"LAST ONE STANDING"** at the opening night of the 2024 Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!



### Tom Nitti

**Wednesday, Aug. 7**  
**7:30pm Grandstand**



Tom grew up in an Italian/Puerto Rican family with his parents and his sister, Celene.

Exposed to a wide range of musical genres from an early age, he was inspired by Motown artists such as Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles and The Temptations. At 18, he taught himself to play guitar, but he put his musical aspirations on hold to join the military after graduating high school.

Tom was stationed in Germany and deployed to Afghanistan where he sustained injuries and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After his military service, Tom followed in his father's footsteps and joined law enforcement. Tom served as a New York State Trooper for eight years and now trains new troopers at the New York State Police Academy.

Tom's passion for music has remained constant and he gigs weekly. He has opened for artists such as Craig Campbell, Hunter Hayes and Chris Janson.

Aside from his two kids, Tom's biggest supporters are his mother and grandfather.





# Country Star JOSH TURNER

**Wednesday, Aug. 7  
8:30pm at the Grandstand**

## *About Josh Turner*

With timeless songs like “Long Black Train” and “Why Don’t We Just Dance,” Josh Turner’s global reach has surpassed 5.8B global streams, 6.5M album sales and almost 12M track sales world-wide. Turner’s five No. 1 singles include “Your Man,” of which the official music video surpassed 223 million views.

Turner’s album *Long Black Train* debuted 20 years ago and was certified Platinum by the RIAA with nearly 1.5M album sales, 1.3M track downloads and almost 315M life-to-date streams. The lead single of the same name was also certified Platinum making up over 1M track downloads and almost 245M global streams.

Turner released his first Greatest Hits album in September of this year, which features 11 of his biggest songs from seven of his studio albums. In June 2021, Turner released ***Your Man Deluxe Edition***, celebrating 15 years of Turner’s iconic double Platinum-selling album, as well as the mini documentary ***“Josh Turner Your Man 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” (Mini Doc)***. The now certified triple-Platinum selling “Would You Go With Me,” featured on *Your Man Deluxe Edition*, experienced a viral surge across TikTok leading to a jump in streaming which landed the classic country tune on Spotify’s US Viral 50 along with Spotify Viral charts in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland.

A native of South Carolina, Turner has been nominated for three GMA Dove Awards and won his first GMA Dove Award in 2021 for “I Saw The Light” featuring Sonya Isaacs, off his *I Serve a Savior* album. Turner has been nominated for two GRAMMY Awards, five CMA Awards, two ACM Awards, one CMT Award, seven ACA Awards and has received six Inspirational Country Music Awards. Turner released his first Christmas album, *King Size Manger*, in 2021 and last Christmas it was released on vinyl.

His first television special, “King Size Manger,” debuted on UPtv in 2022 and is also available on DVD.

To support music and arts education, he created The Josh Turner Scholarship Fund to help students pursue their studies in these fields.

Turner and his wife Jennifer, whom he met as a student at Nashville’s Belmont University, have four sons. For more information, please visit [www.joshturner.com](http://www.joshturner.com)



## Music & Entertainment

### Karaoke

Thursday, Aug. 8

Starting at 3pm.

Grand Finale - Sun. Aug. 11

1-5pm

Party Tent

### Northern Star Productions 2024 Contest Entry Form



#### Contestant Information Sheet

\_\_Youth \_\_Jr. \_\_Adult

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Official Rules

By Entering I certify that I am NOT (nor have I been)  
a paid performer over the last 3 years.

Contest song selections are limited to songs and versions in the Northern Star  
Library and have a time limit of 5 minutes or less.

Contestants will be Judged in 3 categories w/ a 10pt. Max. Score

Tone/Pitch(Creativity), Audience Reaction, Overall Entertainment Value

#### JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Contestants must submit and be prepared to perform 2 Songs

SONG 1. \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_

SONG 2. \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_

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### Grand Central Station Band

**Friday, Aug. 9**

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### CHUBBY CHECKER

**Saturday, Aug. 10**

**8pm Party Tent**

In 2 minutes and 42 seconds, Chubby Checker revolutionized popular culture and changed the music business forever. When he appeared on American Bandstand in 1960 and performed "The Twist," it was the dawn of a new era in Rock & Roll.

He stands alone as a one-of-a-kind rock icon, who has had 36 Hit Records, is the only artist to have a single go to #1 twice, and according to Billboard, has the #1 single for the entire decade of the 60's as well as the first #1 Song of All Time.

Chubby was awarded the first Platinum Single, the first Rock Grammy and has sold an astounding 250,000,000 records over the years. That's why Dick Clark said: "The three most important things that ever happened to the Music Industry are Elvis Presley, The Beatles, and Chubby Checker."

Every time Chubby steps onto a stage, he demonstrates charisma and a unique quality that can never be equaled. Chubby Checker is the most exciting performer out there and he only gets better with time.

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## Buildings



### The Schoharie County Model Railroad Association

There is such a rich history of railroading in Cobleskill and much of Schoharie County! We are honored to display, share, and teach this heritage to our visitors at the Sunshine Fair every year. For 49 years, we at the Schoharie County Model Railroad Association have dedicated ourselves to preserving the legacy of railroading both real and model through our displays.

We look forward every year to seeing both new and familiar faces who come back every year to see the progress and look for the new additions to the scenery and memorabilia.

And this year will be no different..... We've put a lot of time and effort over this winter working on building improvements, adding a ceiling, and installing new LED lighting which will blanket the new layouts in beautiful, soft light! But that's boring!! Coming into April now and warmer days, it's crunch time to start on the model railroads themselves! We had a very generous donation several months ago of a local gentleman's layout, which included several scratch-built buildings from "Old Cobleskill" including the RR station, the Commercial Hotel that used to be where the parking lot is now, D&H Coal Company, and several others. So, we'll have a beautiful little stretch commemorating the "Hey-Day" of railroading here in town! Many more scenic elements are in the works as well, including a winter scene and a beautiful trestle spanning a deep gorge.

In addition to this, we have big plans in the works to celebrate our upcoming **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, so stay tuned and check in with us any Thursday evening to learn more about the club and possibly joining in the fun!

John Bollentin - President



### Taste Of NY Building

We are excited to be back once again for our 4<sup>th</sup> year featuring some of the great NY produced wines, beers, ciders and spirits.

Stop in and be sure to try the everpopular slushies! It's a great spot to relax and meet up with a friend or two. Complimentary tasting will be available







## Historic Treasures Building

The Historic Treasures Exhibit offers a window into the past with a vast collection of displays illustrating the life, ingenuity and inventions of our Schoharie County forefathers.

The museum includes a “barn” full of agricultural tools that in their time were very welcomed inventions as they saved time and labor working with livestock, and crops such as hops. You will see a threshing machine, the forerunner of today’s combine, and a 1936 Farmall tractor. Other displays include: shop tools, milking equipment, an outhouse, and an ice house.

Another building holds items from homes and businesses, including clothes from the 1930’s & 40’s, vintage sewing machines, a model one-room school, a general store, and a tribute to local veterans. To name a few!

Spend a while walking through the history of Schoharie County. Please visit the Historic Treasures building located behind the Grandstand.



## Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers and More

During your visit to the Sunshine Fair, be sure to stop by the Hall of Agriculture to see the fruits and vegetables department.

Come in and see the fruits, vegetables, flowers and home canned foods all grown by our local gardeners. You may see something you have never seen before. Even if you are not a gardener yourself, you can appreciate the time and energy put into growing award winning produce and flowers.

The fruits and vegetables area in the Hall of Ag is also the home of our local farm displays. Barber’s, Schoharie Valley Farms and the Farmers Market are just a few of the farms you will see represented in the Hall of Ag. Each of these farms take time to come and set up informative and alluring displays showcasing the rich agricultural heritage that is Schoharie County.

It is easy to display your flowers, vegetables and home canned goods at the fair. Contact the fair office or department superintendent Matthew Gregory (607)643-3914 with any questions you may have. Who knows there may be a blue ribbon in your future!







### COUNTRY LIVING BUILDING EXHIBITS

There are plenty of things to see and do at a country fair. Besides all the different farm animals and equipment to look at, there are many buildings to visit. One of those buildings is the Country Living Building.

It may not be the largest building on our fairgrounds but it does contain the most individual exhibits. Located behind the Grandstand between Historic Treasures Museum and the horse barns, this building certainly has “Something to Crow About”.

Here you will find articles hand made by men, women and children in Schoharie County and surrounding areas. There are all kinds of arts and crafts including sewing, painting, crocheting, knitting, quilting, photography, weaving and much more. You will also find a section of baked goods. Everything here is brought in for competition. There is a large section of antique items. Many of these items are family heirlooms and are brought in for competition with like items. This building also contains a large school work exhibit. These things are made by children from Schoharie County.



As well as all the above displays we have demonstrations going on throughout the day. Two of our demonstrators are local gals Sharon Kruppenbacher and Susan Carver. Sharon will be weaving on her large barn frame loom. She will also have other smaller looms for people to look at and try. Sharon and Susan will be spinning with different types of fibers. There will also be other demonstrations going on throughout the day. Please stop in, say hello and take a look at all our beautiful displays.

### 4-H GROWS HERE

Ask any Schoharie County 4-H member and they will tell you the highlight of the 4-H year is the opportunity to show their project at this county fair. Items displayed in the Junior Department area in Progressland are as diverse as the membership itself. Throughout the week, you will see a wide array of baked goods, sewing projects, flowers, artwork, photography, crafts and vegetables that represent a small part of Schoharie County 4-H activities. Generations of fairgoers continue to enjoy attending our animal shows that highlight the results of hours of practice, patience and skill of our youth with the various animals as they compete for awards in the show ring. Please check the schedule for the Junior Department horse, dairy, beef, goat, rabbit, poultry, swine and dog shows and cheer on the youth as they strive for excellence!

4-H is the Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties. 4-H is a national and international youth program that serves youth in Schoharie County through clubs, workshops, clinics, trips, special events, camps and the Afterschool Program. Be on the lookout for the iconic 4-H Clover and near it you will find a very enthusiastic 4-H exhibitor. Enjoy your visit to the Sunshine Fair!



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# Contests



## BLACKBERRY PIE CONTEST

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024, Hall of Agriculture**

**Coordinator: Gloria Munson**

Prizes: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

- No pre-entry required.
- Pie plus \$5 is your ticket to Fair (one person; this day only).
- Enter at Hall of Agriculture 11 a.m. – Noon. Judging starts at 12:30.

### NO LATE ENTRIES!

- Please use non-returnable 8 or 9 inch pan of any material.
- Two crust pie.
- Home-made crust.
- Home-made filling.
- Pie must be **Blackberry** only – no other fruit(s).
- Recipe (crust and filling) on a 3 x 5" card without name or address **MUST** accompany pie.
- Names will be taken separately and numbers assigned.
- Judging criteria:
  1. Overall appearance/impression
  2. Crust
  3. Filling
  4. Taste
- Judges decisions are final.
- Winners will be announced upon completion of judging.
- Prizes mailed after Fair.

## Maple Muffin Contest

We will once again hold a Muffin Contest. The flavor this year will be Maple.

The contest will be held on **Wednesday, August 7** with judging starting at **12:30 PM** at the Hall of Agriculture.

There will be monetary prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Full rules can be found at the Fair website listed under Department 13.

## Beautiful Child Contest

All children are beautiful! Why not enter your child in the "Beautiful Child" contest in the Party Tent Theater on

**Thursday, August 8th at 1:00 pm**  
for ages 9-12 months followed by  
children 13-23 months and on

**Friday, August 9th at 3:30 pm** for  
children 2-3 years old followed by  
children ages 3-4 years old.

Registration will take place one half hour before each contest. Judging will be on looks, personality, and dress.

All contestants will receive a participation ribbon. A rosette and prize will be awarded to first place in each category and age group.



## KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL 2024



The kiddie tractor pull has been an annual event at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair since 1988. The pedal tractor pull works on the same principle as the "big tractor pulls" except the power comes from the "legs of babes"!

A "mini" weight sled is hooked to a pedal tractor and each child pedals to pull the sled down the track until they make a full pull or run out of power on a 30' track. A full pull entitles the child to another chance, with weight added to the sled, until a winner is determined. There are 5 different "classes" based on the child's weight. The child with the longest distance in each weight class wins. Weight classes are 30-40 lbs, 41-50 lbs, 51-60 lbs, 61-70 lbs, and 71-80 lbs.

The child is weighed as he or she signs up for this event to determine the appropriate weight group. The pedal tractors are provided and every child receives a ribbon. There is no fee to enter, so come and participate or watch the fun on **Thursday, August 8th at 7:00pm** east of the Hall of Agriculture.

## Can You Make an Ugly Cake???

Here's a fun little contest for everybody because the public gets to judge the baker's handiwork! The contest is held in the Hall of Agriculture on **Thursday and Friday (August 8 & 9)** and the winner is announced at 6 PM on Friday.

Any topic or theme may be used – it just has to be Ugly.

There are specific rules and prizes for the first, second and third place winners; all of which can be found at the fair's website under Dep't 13.



## Lego Contest 2024

**Sponsored by Lamont Engineers**

Contest will be held in the Country Living Building

All participants **MUST** enter according to the Fair's prescribed guidelines.

Age Groups:

17 & Under

18 & Over

Prizes:

First: \$25.

Second: \$15.

Third: \$10.

### Rules:

Theme: "Something to Crow About"

Use your own Lego, Duplo, Megablocks or other Lego compatible plastic brick.

You may use your own design/creation. Must **NOT** be a Lego designed kit, or found online or in a magazine.

Only one entry per participant.

You must include a description of your creation (as simply as possible) and your inspiration for your exhibit, on a 3 x 5 card.

A second 3 x 5 card will list your name, age group, address

**Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 7.**

Bring your entry to the Country Living Building on Sunday, August 4, between 1 and 4 PM

Entries will remain on display all week and may be removed on Monday, August 12 according to the prescribed rules of the Country Living Department.

### Judging Criteria:

Creativity/Originality 30 points

General Appearance/Neatness 30 points

Scale 15 points

**Structural Stability** 15 points

Entrant's Description \* 10 points

(\* ease of understanding & neatness)

Any tie will be determined by the total points in Creativity/Originality

AGE	CREATIVITY ORIGINALITY 30 POINTS	GENERAL APPEARANCE/ NEATNESS30 POINTS	SCALE 15 POINTS	STRUCTURAL STABILITY 15 POINTS	ENTRANTS DESCRIPTION 10 POINTS	TOTAL





## TWELFTH ANNUAL AGGIE SCOTT MEMORIAL CHOCOLATE JUMBLES CONTEST 2024

It is believed that the Chocolate Jumble (Jumbo) Cookie is a native of Schoharie County.

This contest, being held at the Hall of Agriculture on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, has been gaining both in participation and popularity. The contest also invites youth participation with a separate category just for them!

Full rules, categories, prizes can be found at [sunshinefair.org](http://sunshinefair.org) Dep't 13.

You are also invited to come and watch the judging.

### Who Was Aggie Scott?

Agnes "Aggie" Scott who lived in Mineral Springs loved to cook & bake. For over 30 years she was the Cook/Manager at Ryder School until her retirement in 1986. She was a volunteer at Cobleskill Regional Hospital from the time of it's beginning in the early 1950s and worked in the coffee shop.

Aggie had many different kinds of cookie cutters including a "ground hog" which she loved to use to make cookies for "ground hog day". It had been hand-made for her while she worked at the Ryder School. She was an exhibitor and volunteer at the fair most recently with Historic Treasures. We offer the Chocolate Jumbles Cookie Contest each year as a tribute to Aggie and her many, many years of being "Cobleskill's Volunteer."

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## Contests



### BIRDHOUSE EXHIBIT



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The contest will be held in the Country Living Building. All participants **MUST** Enter according to the Fair's prescribed guidelines.

Age Groups:	Prizes:
17 & Under	First: \$25.00
18 & Over	Second: \$15.00
	Third: \$10.00

- Rules:
- 1- You may use your own design/ creation.
  - 2- Nothing bigger than 18"x18"x18".
  - 3- Must put your name and address on a 3X5 card for display.
  - 4- Only One entry per participant.

Time to get your supplies and start building birdhouses. Drop off entries **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1-4pm at the Fairgrounds. They will be on display all week and may be removed Mon. Aug. 12th. **Judging will be Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Categories include "best use of materials," "most imaginative," "best use of recycled/ natural materials," and "best form/function."

Any Questions, please call Megan at 518-956-3793

### Hay Bale Toss 2024

The annual hay bale toss gives everyone, regardless of age, size or strength, the chance to show off their best techniques for throwing a bale of



hay the farthest. There are two different sized bales to choose from, a "mini" bale and a "regular" sized bale. Each participant is given two chances to toss a bale of hay and the farthest measurement is entered in the competition. Many different techniques and styles have been demonstrated in the past. Come try your techniques to see how far you can toss a bale of hay and enjoy a little friendly competition in the annual hay bale toss.

The annual hay bale toss will be held on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** in the show barn.

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## Horse Shows at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair

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There will be Draft Horses on Display all week. Come and take a look.

The New York State Sire Harness Racing starts the Fair at 12.00 PM on Tuesday. This is a BIG event with lots of speed.

The Sanctioned NBHA Barrel Race Come and watch the horses and riders turn and burn.



### Donkey and Mule Show

Come watch in the Superior Housing Arena the Donkey and Mule Show. This show is growing by leaps and bounds with exhibitors and spectators both. There are three distinct divisions at the show to include Miniature Donkeys, Standard & Mammoth Donkeys, and Mules & hybrids.

A new format has been adopted for 2024! We are starting the event with the very popular spectator sport of Coon Jumping! The animals compete against each other by jumping an obstacle from a standstill. This originated from hunting Raccoons. Followed by timed obstacles, pleasure riding and driving. Spicing things up will be the Cloverleaf Barrel race, with some shown under saddle and others driving. To showcase the natural beauty and gaits of donkeys and mules, Liberty class is offered this year – so tap your toes to the music and cheer on your favorite long eared friend! Halter and Showmanship will be included in the show. Our enthusiastic exhibitors work all year long to come up with just the most interesting Costumes, for a special class where both Exhibitor and donkey & mules dress in theme! And because donkeys and mules just love to roll in dirt, the First to Roll contest wraps up the event. Good for a laugh, with vocal donkeys and exhibitors. Come have fun and watch the action!



### The Draft Show

Don't miss the Draft Show on Wednesday in the Superior Housing Arena. This prestigious show draws many exhibitors from all over the State. You will see Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, Shires, Grade Draft Horse, Donkeys, and Draft Ponies parading in front of the judge trying to win the Earl S. Rickard Memorial Supreme Grand Champion Draft Horse of the Fair. Many new classes have been added this year for a wide range of ages of exhibitors. The premier class is the six-horse hitch, which adds flare to the show. The show offers hitch classes for draft horses plus the draft ponies also.







## **The 4-H Gymkhana Show**

In the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena you will see 4-H Gymkhana Show. An action packed event – watch the Youth of Schoharie County race against the clock with their trusty steed! Pole bending, barrel racing and so much more! Visit the horse stables, to see the hard work these 4-H'ers put into decorating the stalls for the fair!

## **4-H Horse Show - Thursday**

The 4-H Horse Show, includes showmanship, English & Western riding and Driving classes and are offered throughout the day. Individual events include jumping and trail course events. Please cheer on the 4-H youth, as the fair showcases their yearlong work training and preparing their horses for this highlight of the summer!

## **Sunshine Show Series Open Horse Show - Friday**

The Superior Housing Arena will be the location of the Open Show on Friday! This event will start with Jumping classes – offering events for ponies and horses. Next will be the little kids ages 3 to 8 years old riding their horses and ponies in Leadline Classes. The remainder of the day includes equitation, pleasure, hunter under saddle, disciplined rail and other judged events. See if you can match the judges picks for the blue ribbon!

## **Sunshine Show Series Open Horse Show – Saturday**

The Superior Housing Arena is not only a day of big hats, big buckles, big saddles, chaps and spurs, but also for English riders and Driving enthusiasts. First up in the morning are halter classes, where the judge determines the winner by breed type, way of going and conformation. Showmanship classes showcase the exhibitors' abilities to show off their horse in hand. Next up is driving classes for very small equines to big horses! Rounding off the day are a number of classes for both English and Western riders including equitation, pleasure, disciplined rail and many more. The growing popularity of the Ranch Horse division is also offered. Spectators will get to see lead changes, pivots as just some of the many maneuvers in competition. Special High Point Performance Awards are the highlight of the show, with exhibitors competing in four different classes to win the award.

## **Open Gymkhana - Saturday**

Gymkhana is the equestrian term for Games on Horseback! Located in the Bruce Cater Memorial Arena, the fastest time wins in each of the events! Flag race, Pole Bending, Cloverleaf Barrels are just some of the many events that exhibitors compete against the clock for the Blue Ribbon! All these events are timed so whoever is the fastest wins the class. The most popular events to watch are Izzy Dizzy Race and the rescue race, which will have you laughing and cheering everyone on!

## **Nationally Sanctioned Miniature Horse & Shetland Pony Show - Sunday**

Come watch the smallest horses in the world compete, along with Shetland ponies, in the Superior Housing Arena. We start the day early with performance classes including carriage driving, roadsters, and pleasure driving with classes for both miniature horses and Shetland ponies. This nationally sanctioned event offers triple points to the exhibitors by the ASPC/AMHR, so this event is sure to draw quality horses and ponies. After the driving, the show will proceed with obstacle classes both driving and in hand, and jumping! A miniature horse jumping you say ? Why YES !!! Several specialty classes are offered, and the day wraps up with breed halter classes. Get up close and personal with breeders and owners of these wonderful miniature horses and Shetland ponies. Exhibitors welcome questions and love to share these very small equines with the public!

Please see the schedule for dates and times



## Beef Cattle

Did you know New York State has nearly 12,800 cattle farms with 1.4 million cattle and calves overall, including almost 110,000 beef cows supplying nutritious, wholesome beef to consumers?

The beef industry is one of the top five agricultural sectors in New York with 92% of New York beef farms being family owned and operated. These hard-working and dedicated men and women tend to their cattle all year in preparation for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Beef cattle exhibitors spend countless hours working with their livestock, feeding, washing and teaching calves to walk in the show ring, to present their cattle to the best of their ability on showday. Be sure to swing by the show barn to see their hard work on display!

Interested in learning more about the beef cattle industry? Stop by the cattle barns and our exhibitors would be happy to answer your questions!



## Dairy, An Important Part Of Agriculture

Dairy livestock will be on exhibit during the week of the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair beginning Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Whether you live in the country or the middle of town, the fair gives everyone the opportunity to see the many different aspects of agriculture. During the fair, the dairy barn will be full of dairy cattle and people willing to share what it takes to care for these animals. Farmers work hard every day and the fair gives them the opportunity to share this experience with the community. They do this by answering questions to better educate the community about dairy farming and all that is required.



Dairy shows are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday. These shows provide exhibitors the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work and commitment they have done throughout the year. You will hear about the major characteristics that the judge is looking for in the animals to determine how to rank them during the competition. Junior exhibitors compete in Showmanship classes demonstrating how well they “fit and prepare” their animals for the show and their knowledge of showing dairy animals. Showmanship is a competition between the exhibitors, while the dairy classes are focused on the characteristics of the animals and which ones portray the best traits for the dairy breed the animal represents.

Come see the dairy cows again this year every day of the fair. Take the time to visit with your friends and neighbors, as they take time to share their lifestyle with the community.

## RABBITS

If you are looking for adorable entertainment, hop into the livestock barn to see fluffy rabbits and their owners. You will find rabbits of all colors and sizes on display at the Sunshine Fair. Did you know rabbits can be trained to use a litter box or that many rabbits like to play with balls and toys? Rabbits also can be trained to walk on a leash just like a dog. The bunnies seen at the fair will be shown based on their confirmation and breed standard, fiber and cleanliness. Rabbits are raised for both their meat and hair, depending on their breed. You can stop in and watch the rabbit show, where exhibitors will hold their rabbits on a table for a judge. There will be a Rabbit Hopping Contest for all Rabbits. Rabbit owners from all over the county are always near to answer your questions about their favorite pets.







## Goats

Did you know goats are known to be one of the oldest domesticated animals, being domesticated in the Fertile Crescent roughly 10,000 years ago?

Today, there are more than 200 recognized domestic goat breeds. There are three types of domestic goats – dairy, meat and fiber producing, all of which can be shown at the fair.

Their friendly nature makes them one of the more popular animals for children to show at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair.

Dairy goats are judged based on their udder quality, breed characteristics and conformation just like a dairy cow. Goat milk is commonly made into yogurt, cheese, soap, creams and many more products.

Meat goats are judged on conformation, muscling and market readiness. Although it is a less popular meat in the United States, goat is a delicacy for many cultures.

Goat exhibitors at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair work hard to prepare their goats for the fair. Beginning in the spring, they handle their livestock daily, allowing them to become accustomed to people and being in a show collar. To see these curious little creatures, stop by the goat barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair!



## Sheep

Do you enjoy a delicious lamb roast for a Sunday family dinner? Or maybe you love a warm wool sweater on a chilly winter day. Sheep farmers all over the county help to make those things possible.

They work hard all year feeding, handling and shearing their sheep to produce meat,

and wool. Once a year at the Schoharie Sunshine Fair, these farmers have the opportunity to exhibit their animals and teach fairgoers all about their farm.

Depending on the breed of the sheep, it will be raised for wool or for meat. Breeds that are typically used for wool production include Romney's, Natural Colored, Cotswold, and Scottish Blackface.

Dorsets, Suffolks, Cheviots and Southdowns are widely known for their quality meat production.

To prepare for the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, farmers will start by shearing off winter wool and working with the animals everyday to help them become accustomed to people. In the show ring, judges look for sound skeletal structure, muscling, breed characteristic and depending on the breed, wool quality.

It is something you have to see for yourself, so stop in the sheep barn to watch a sheep being sheared or fitted and ask one of our exhibitors questions about their sheep!



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## Swine

Being one of the most intelligent animals on the farm, exhibitors from all over the county raise hogs for breeding and market. Did you know pigs can be taught to come when you call their name?

Did you also know that pigs have an excellent sense of smell, and use their snout to navigate the world around them?

These smart creatures are shown in a fenced-in show ring and we can promise you will be thoroughly entertained as you watch their owners guide them around the open ring.

The pigs you see in the barns at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair will be judged for either market or breed quality.

The hogs judged for market will be judged based on the correctness of their skeletal structure, overall muscle and readiness to go to market. These pigs will be shown throughout summer and then be sold to market.

Breeding pigs are judged for their breeding quality and characteristics and will be brought back to the farm to produce the show pigs for next year.

Stop into the Swine Barn at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair to talk to an eager exhibitor and you might get to see a momma pig with a new litter of piglets!



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## FFA

Come visit the Schoharie County FFA in Progressland and in the Livestock Area!

FFA is a school-based agricultural education program, which promotes developing students' potential for leadership, personal growth and career success.

In Schoharie County there are currently four FFA programs with approximately 285 students actively participating.

Schoharie County FFA chapters include Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, Middleburgh High School, Schoharie High School, and Sharon Springs High School.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change, however FFA is not just for students who want to be farmers or work in agriculture; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise to meet industry challenges by helping members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways.

During the Sunshine Fair, FFA chapters have interactive displays and demonstrations in Progressland. Bring your family and try your hand at FFA skills competitions, including Wildlife ID, Aquaculture, Veterinary science, and more, or learn more about agriculture's role in our community through demonstrations, storybook readings, and activities for children.

A full schedule of events will be posted at our booth and don't forget to stop by the livestock barns to meet FFA members who are showing their project animals.

FFA members would be happy to answer your questions, and to share information about their project animals and their participation in the FFA program. We are looking forward to seeing you in Progressland and the livestock barns!



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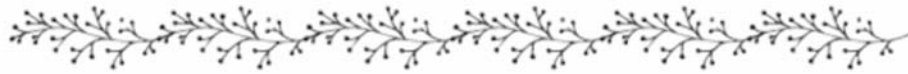


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