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Helping Hands 4-H Club



Members of the Helping Hands 4-H Club learned how to weave baskets. See details on page 4.

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4-H GROWS HERE

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4-H Youth Development Mission Statement

The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development is to build youth adult partnerships to enable youth to become fully engaged in their learning process. New York State 4-H is a leader in enabling youth to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities to become productive citizens and is a catalyst for positive change to meet the needs of a diverse and changing society.

Through 4-H Youth Development, youth will:

- Practice effective problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Possess positive work attitudes and skills
- Value diversity
- Accept community and social responsibility
- Contribute to positive relationships with families, peers and community
- Demonstrate communication and leadership skills
- Value lifelong learning

Cornell Cooperative Extension values

- 4-H Youth development as the focus of all youth development activities
- Partnerships for supporting, conducting and extending the program
- Volunteerism as a cornerstone of the program
- Diversity and the strengths it brings to Cornell Cooperative Extension programs

New York Farm Bureau offers
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New York Farm Bureau provides a complimentary student membership to High School Juniors and Seniors who are involved in FFA and/or 4-H as well as collegiate students who have agricultural majors.



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Coming 4-H Events 2020



JANUARY 2021

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 CCE Annual Kick Off Meeting, via Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE Offices closed
- 20 NYS 4-H Fly By, Bird Identification, Virtual Session, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 NYS 4-H Fly By, Birds of Prey, Virtual Session, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
- 1 4-H Livestock Auction Beef forms due to the 4-H office
- 3 NYS 4-H Fly By, Waterfowl, Virtual Series, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 NYS 4-H Fly By, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Virtual Series, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Earn-an-Animal interviews
- 15 Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed

MARCH

- 2 4-H Organizational Club Leaders Meeting, Virtual, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Dairy Discovery, Virtual Workshop Series, 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 5 NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, Virtual Series, 7 p.m.
- 10 Joint Issue Committee Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Dairy Discovery, Virtual Workshop Series, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 13 4-H Public Presentation Workshop, Virtual, 10 a.m.
- 15-19 Ag Literacy Week, "Tales of the Dairy Godmother" by Viola Butler
- 18 Dairy Discovery, Virtual Workshop Series, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 19 NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl Practice, Virtual Series, 7 p.m.
- 20 Earn-an-Animal Orientation, Virtual, 10 a.m.
- 24 DEC 4-H Day Old Pheasants Chick order due
- 25 Dairy Discovery, Virtual Workshop Series, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 30 4-H Fair Superintendents Virtual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 4-H Organizational Club Leaders Meeting, Virtual, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 3 4-H Public Presentations, Oneonta & Virtual
- 10 4-H Auction Clinic, TBD
- 17 4-H Public Presentations, Cooperstown & Virtual
- 21 4-H Organizational Club Leader Virtual Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 District 4-H Horse bowl/Hippology, Chenango County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
- 27-29 NYS 4-H Capital Days, Virtual
- 27 4-H Fair Superintendents Virtual Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 28-May 10 Tractor Supply 4-H Clover Sales



CCE prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of the communities we serve. If Otsego County 4-H Programs and Clubs choose to meet non-virtually, they must attend CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties 4-H Club Meeting & Activity Safety Plan training. For more information contact 4-H Subject Educator, Teresa Adell at 607-547-2536 ext. 225, 607-433-2521 or tla47@cornell.edu.

UPDATES will be communicated as soon as possible.
Be Safe, Be Well!

4-H Otsego County



CLUB NEWS

The Helping Hands 4-H Club met in person for the first time in a very long time! We started with a short business meeting followed by a basket weaving. We learned about the history of baskets and why they have stood the test of time for so long. Each member was able to create their own basket by soaking reeds and weaving them in front and behind the spokes. Everyone's final project was a bit different with an individual flair on each. *Great job Helping Hands!*

We also officially welcomed our officers to their new roles as well as welcomed some new Cloverbuds. We are very excited to be back at it.

President : Lindsay Turnbull
Secretary: Kacie Turnbull

Vice President: Emily Gross
Treasurer: Emma Peck

Members: Alyssa Sorochinsky, Mason Turnbull, Owen Perkosky

Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club met in February and walked through the Ovaltop herd, while club leader Mike Wolfe went over comparing a few cows and what to look for when judging dairy cows to give the members a first-hand look. We all labeled the parts of a cow and discussed judging points. The 4-H members got a copy of the different dairy groups to judge and with guidance from Mike and parents they helped the kids look and compare what cows to place where.



Glimmerglass Gallopers 4-H Club

In the month of February, the Glimmerglass Gallopers met and learned about leading and worming horses.



4-H Otsego County



4-H Public Presentation Workshop for Youth Saturday, March 13, 2021 - 10 a.m. - via Zoom

This is an interactive workshop for youth to learn the basics of public presentations.

Participants will be introduced to the five Public Presentation categories: demonstrations, illustrated talks, speech, recitation and dramatic interpretation.

The focus will be for beginners, but information on the categories will be helpful for all. Sign up on or before March 12th, by contacting Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu, 607-547-2536 ext 225 or 607-433-2521



Public Presentation Days

Saturday, April 3, The Rowe House, 31 Maple Street, Oneonta
9 - 12 p.m. In Person or 1 - 4 p.m. via Zoom

Saturday, April 17, CCE Education Center, 123 Lake St., Cooperstown
9 - 12 p.m. In Person or 1 - 4 p.m. via Zoom
Registration is required by Friday, March 19

Club members must register with your 4-H Club Leader

Independent 4-H members must register with
Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu, 607-547-2536 ext 225 or 607-433-2521

Once registered you will be given a scheduled time for both in person and zoom sessions.
The zoom link will be sent to you.

If registering for in person, only the youth giving the presentation will be allowed in the building, along with one parent/guardian, COVID-19 guidance's will be followed, wearing a mask, 6' apart and hand sanitizing will be followed.

4-H youth have the option to submit a video. Contact Teresa Adell , 4-H Educator, for more information.



4-H Otsego County



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TIPS FOR RECORDING YOUR 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION

*Presenting to a camera is different from presenting to a live audience.
Here are some tips for recording your public presentation on a smartphone.*

Have everything you'll need

Have your presentation materials ready. Any note cards, props or visual aids you'll need should be within reach.

Find a good location

Choose a quiet place to give your presentation. You don't want to be distracted or interrupted!

Position your phone

Consider how you will keep your phone steady. This can be as simple as stacking books on a table and propping your phone against them, or using a camera tripod, if you have one.

Try to keep the camera lens a little below eye level; you should be looking slightly downward towards the lens.

Setting up your phone

In your phone's settings, switch it to Airplane Mode. This will prevent you from being disturbed by interruptions or calls during recording.

Turn your phone sideways in Landscape (horizontal) mode, not Portrait (vertical) mode.

Have the camera's screen facing towards you. You'll be using the front-facing camera. (You may want to have someone help you position yourself.)

Clean the camera lens

Phones pickup all kinds of smudges during daily use. You can use a soft cloth to wipe it off. (Microfiber cloths, used for cleaning glasses, are great for this!)

Configure your phone to record

Make sure you have enough space to record. You shouldn't need more than a gigabyte (GB) for your presentation. Your phone may allow you to record at a very high resolution, but a smaller file will be easier to upload later. Check your camera's settings and use the lowest resolution (720p on iPhone, 1280 x 720 on Android)

Set your phone's camera app to video mode and switch to the front facing camera (aka Selfie mode)

Frame your shot and set some lighting

Make sure your phone is horizontal and level.

Position yourself in the shot, slightly off from the center.

(This assumes your phone's camera is positioned just above the screen when the phone is in portrait mode.)

Use ceiling lights, floor or table lamps to make sure you're well lit. Move lights around to see what looks best when you're in position.

Alternatively, you can record with a window providing light from the side.

Record a test

Hit record and make a quick test video. Play it back to make sure you can be heard. (It's easier to make adjustments now...than finding out after your presentation!)

It's good to rehearse any moves to make sure you've allowed enough space that you won't go in and out of frame.

Action! Time to Record

Look at the phone's lens-not the screen. This allows you to keep eye contact with your viewers.

When you start:

Hit Record, get into your position, and set yourself (count to three in your head), and start

When you finish:

You won't be able to take questions as you would with an in-person presentation. So, hold your position, look into the phone's lens, say something to indicate you're finished (ex. Thanks for listening to my presentation on ____) count to three again in your head and then click the Record button off.

4-H Otsego County

2019-2020 Otsego County 4-H Members Year-End Completion

Fields & Flats

Aidan Ainslie
Abie Ainslie
Tyler March
Emma Dabreau
Ava Dabreau
Aiden Dabreau

Garratsville Graywolves

Ricky Pegg*
Gavin Kenyon
Hayden Kenyon
Grace Wing
Gavin Fetterman

Garratsville Graywolves CB

Mackenzie Pegg
Ira Pegg
Benjamin Wing
Kendra Smith

Kids & Kritters CB

Isabelle Weiss
Adam Weiss
Clayton Mead
Brandt Baker
Ella Baker
Averie Baker
Lauretta Baker
Olivia Hart

Otsego Firecrackers

Lane Davis*
Ella Field*
Seth Keever
Evelyn Kersmanc*
Sean Kersmanc
Angel Mravlja
Elyza Schoeberl*
Rory-Jane Smith-Greenfield
Leanna West
Makenna West

Sunset Riders

Aurienna Larson*
Carly Layman*
Dakota Hitt*
Lilly Cleaveland*
Rylee Bliss*
Julia Vunk*

Whatever Floats Your Goat

Madisyn Reyome
Cameron Jones
Braydon Hascup
Chase Burkhart
Judy Attanasio
Joy Attanasio
Joseph Attanasio

Independents

Aniya Kogut
Robert Kennedy
Pauline Kennedy
Monica Kennedy
Ava Lesko
Andrew Lentner
Peyton Darling
Liana Darling

***Outstanding Member**



The NYS 4-H Dog Program Canine Costume Contest

In an effort to keep our 4-H dog handlers challenged as we enter the long months of cold & snow, we would like to offer a Winter Canine Costume Class. It's time for our second friendly competition, which will run until March 31st.

Youth must submit a photo of a dog in costume along with the age of the handler and category they are entering. Youth who do not have a dog but would like to participate may submit a photo of a stuffed animal.

Age group (as of 1.2.21) Cloverbud: 5 to 7-years old Junior: 8 to 12-years old Senior; 13 to 19-years old

March's category includes St. Patrick's Day

For safety tips on how to dress your dog up safely, see the AKC article How to Dress UR Your Dog Safely by Jordan Upmalis dated 10.6.20.

To register and submit your photo contact:
contact: Liz Meacham at liz.meacham@yahoo.com



Animal Science

Otsego County Dairy Promotion Program seeks Dairy Princess candidates!

Candidates must be between 16 and 24 years of age as of February 2021 and be one of the following:

From an active dairy farm, Sponsored by a Dairy Farm within Otsego County, be a daughter of someone employed in a Dairy Related industry (Veterinarian, Dairy Fee Supplier, Milk Truck Driver, Etc) or be employed herself by a dairy business.

The Otsego County Dairy Princess Coronation will take place this spring at a date and location to be announced, where a new princess will be crowned.


The Otsego County Dairy promotion program is open to all young people who have a passion for promoting Dairy Farming. Dairy Ambassadors/Dudes are any young person between 8 and 24-years old, interested in promoting Dairy Farming and Dairy Products.

Any young person interested in joining the promotion team should email otsegodairypromotion@gmail.com. Princess Candidate applications are due one month prior to the Coronation.

NYS 4-H Department of Animal Science presents

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An engaging virtual learning experience for youth ages 9-12 through the month of May.



4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology

District Event - April 24, 2021
Chenango County Fairgrounds
“Educational Competition Event”

Individuals or teams of four compete in a quiz bowl format against other counties on general horse knowledge. Topics include colors breeds, care and feeding, parts of the horse and tack, show rules, diseases, conformation, unsoundness, shoeing, breeding, etc. Coaches run weekly practice from December through March. Open to 4-H members ages 9 to 19.

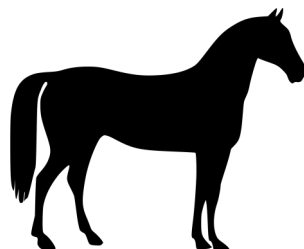
Teams: consist of no less than four and not more than six members.

Seniors - at least 14-years of age but not yet 19-years old by January 1st of the current year.

Juniors - youth ages at least 9 and less than 14 years old as of January 1 of the current year.

Novice - youth ages at least 9 and less than 14-years old as of January 1 of the current year and never participated in any previous Horse Quiz Bowl contest.

If you would like to sign up to join a Horse Quiz Bowl/ Hippology Team and for more information, contact Teresa Adell tla47@cornell.edu, 607-547-2536 x225 or 607-433.2521



Animal Science

Animal Crackers Topics and Schedule

May 4, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Equine

“Dive into Equine Rehab”: Have you ever been interested in learning about Equine Rehabilitation? Well, take a virtual tour through SUNY Morrisville’s Equine Rehabilitation Center. Learn what it is like to nurse a horse back to health in a state-of-the-art facility. Hear from students and employees that work directly with these amazing animals while they recuperate. From acupuncture, to heat therapy, to water therapy learn about what it takes to get these athletes back to the best of their ability. Instructed by Courtney Livecchi, CCE Madison, Jolene Zaia, CCE Oswego, Brianna Hughes, CCE Saratoga, and Jessica Tyson, CCE Essex.

May 6, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Fiber Sheep

“Fiber to Finish”: Learn the steps that take fiber from “in the grease” to a finished spun or felted product, select fibers for finished products, how to prepare wool for your projects, and feel the difference in a variety of sheep fibers. Instructed by Sasha Diederich, CCE Chemung, Jenn Bassman, NYS 4-H State Office, and Holly Harwood, CCE Wyoming.

May 6, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Meat Sheep

“Is the Grass Greener on the Inside?”: Learn about the rumination process and nutrition for meat sheep. Sheep first aid, common sheep ailments, and the lambing process will also be discussed. Instructed by Jenn Bassman, NYS 4-H State Office, Holly Harwood, CCE Wyoming, and Sasha Diederich, CCE Chemung.

May 11, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Poultry

“Poultry Anatomy”: Overview of basic poultry anatomy, focusing on digestion, reproduction, and parts of the egg. Instructed by Kyle Yacobucci, CCE Fulton-Montgomery, Kayela Statom, CCE Rensselaer, Kristina Gabalski, CCE Orleans, and Brianna Hughes, CCE Saratoga.

May 13, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Dairy (Bovine) Reproduction

“Constructing Reproduction”: Animal reproduction is an important aspect of many 4-H Animal Science projects. Participants will review and identify the basic parts of the cow’s reproductive tract and then make a model of and demonstrate the fertilization process in cattle. Instructed by Deborah Grusenmeyer, CALS Animal Science and Elaine Noble, CCE Chemung.

May 18, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Dog & Cat

“Basic Pet First Aid”: Lessons on making pet first aid kits, how to take vital signs, recognizing shock and other ER’s, and basic bandaging techniques. Instructed by Erin Humphrey, CCE Cayuga, and Maureen Ring, CCE St. Lawrence.

May 20, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Goat

“Yikes! There’s a Goat in my Tub”: Explore the properties of goat milk soap and compare how a sample of goat milk soap measures up to your soap at home. This is your chance to experiment with soap and learn more about the science behind its effect on dirt and oil. As part of the “goat activity kit” you’ll also receive a laminated sheet of the goat breeds, instructions on how to make a halter or macrame collar for your goat, AND some goat cheese and meat recipes. Instructed by Michael Fiorentino, CCE Nassau, and Craig Brown, CCE Madison.

May 25, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Swine

“Pigs Inside and Out”: Explore pig anatomy, body parts as related to cuts of meat. Learn all about what makes a pig tick! Instructed by Jenn Bassman, NYS 4-H State Office and Holly Harwood, CCE Wyoming.

May 27, 2021 - 6 pm to 7 pm - Rabbit & Cavy

“Basic Rabbit and Cavy Care”: Tour a rabbitry and visit with cavies!! Learn about what it takes to care for rabbits and cavies – housing, water, nutritional needs and more!! These small animals make fantastic 4-H animal science projects, especially if your space is limited. Receive worksheets, samples of rabbit fur/wool and feed samples for both rabbits and cavies in your take home kit!! Instructed by Kyle Yacobucci, CCE Fulton-Montgomery, Kayela Statom, CCE Rensselaer, Kristina Gabalski, CCE Orleans, and Brianna Hughes, CCE Saratoga.



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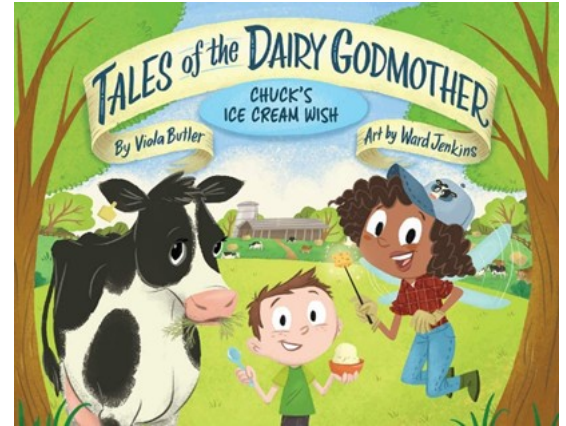
Agricultural Literacy Week ~ March 15-19, 2021

2021 Ag in the Classroom—New York Agriculture in the Classroom is coordinating the seventeenth annual New York Agricultural Literacy Week to be held from March 15-19, 2021. Community members around Otsego County will be volunteering to read virtually Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the Dairy Godmother) by Viola Butler to elementary classrooms with a focus on K-3rd grades. This book will take students on an explorative journey to learn about dairy and to trace the food on their plate back to its source- the farmer, while also showcasing the diversity of the agriculture industry.

This Year's Book:

Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the Dairy Godmother)

<https://ny.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy/>

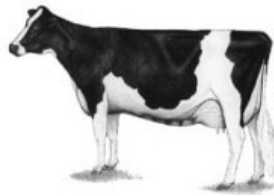


DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

MAY 1, 2021

CHENANGO COUNTY

FAIRGROUNDS



TEAMS ARE FORMING NOW

To sign up contact 4-H Educator, Teresa Adell,
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4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl is a “quiz bowl” competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner. The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence.

It is not appropriate for Cloverbud members to participate in the contest.

Beginner Division—youth ages 8 to 10-years old as of January 1st. Beginner is replacing Novice Level.

Junior Team—youth ages at least 9-years old and less than 14-years old as of January 1.

Senior Team—youth must be at least 14-years old as of January 1 and not pass 19-years old by January 1st of current year.

2021 4-H Day Old Pheasant Chicks Program

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youth.

The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H youth and a leader and must be familiar with Pheasant Rearing Guide, available at the 4-H office.

Cost: \$3 per 25 chicks for 4-H members

\$4 per 25 for non 4-H members

Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu, 607-547-2536 ext 225, or
607-433-2521

Chicks must be pre-ordered and PAID on or before March 24, 2021





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Please send me information on the following or register me for:

January/February/March Registrations/Information

March

- 12 Public Presentations Workshop registrations due
- 19 Public Presentations registrations due
- 24 Pheasant Chick orders due

April

- 1 Animal Crackers registrations due
- 1 Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology registrations due

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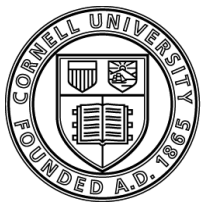
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I will pick up at the: Cooperstown office Oneonta office

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Please call ahead before you visit either location.