

CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT

Welcome to the first issue of the Chenango 4-H Snapshot! This publication will serve to update, inform, and inspire you on all things Chenango County 4-H. Look for yourself in the photos, check out upcoming events so you don't miss anything, and complete the activities in these pages! Enjoy!



May/June 2019



Club Spotlights

Groovy Goat Getters

We are the Groovy Goat Getters, a new club started this spring focusing on dairy goats! We have a wide range of ages, from Cloverbuds up to senior 4-H'ers. As a club, the Groovy Goat Getters will be learning about the different aspects of dairy goat care, showing, and recipes and projects using the milk. Some of the aspects to be covered include nutrition, first aid, medications, clipping, and conformation. The club plans to be doing a showmanship clinic to help their members grow as showmen. Through the summer, many of our members will be showing their goats at various shows around New York State, including the Chenango County Fair and New York State Fair.

Ambitious Lions

The Ambitious Lions is a Chenango County 4-H club that enjoys volunteer opportunities, learning life skills, recycling, crafting, fundraising, educational trips, public speaking, healthy cooking and exercising. Our club consists of students ages 5 and up who focus on the 4 H's - Head, Heart, Hands, Health!



Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers

The Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers Club has been in existence since the mid '80s. We are mainly a horse club, but our members do many other things. We have a strong background in Community service, and our members have also branched out into sheep, goats, pigs, beef, rabbits, sewing, photography, baking, horticulture to name a few. We love to promote 4-H, attending several parades a year, and other 4-H functions. We love both the County Fair and the State Fair! We also like to do Horse Bowl, Hippology and Presentations. Several of our members through the years have attended 4-H Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky.



4-H Caring Clovers

The 4-H Caring Clovers is a young club filled with excited members! We typically meet once a month and participate in different activities, including public presentations, community service, crafts, gardening, sewing, and group bonding. This year we even had the opportunity to tour a local maple syrup business. We love spending time together and learning with each other!



Kreative Kids

We are the Kreative Kids 4-H club. We participate in a variety of learning activities--activities that teach life skills and activities that embrace our creativity and imagination. Some of our favorite activities include bird watching at Rogers Conservation, visiting a local farm stand for a hay ride and pumpkin picking, making fishing lures, baking muffins, starting plants and many arts and craft activities. Many of us participated in the Chenango County Fair, we showed off our creative skills with the submission of bird houses, fishing lures and sewing projects. We also participated in the livestock shows by showing off the hard work we put into our show animals in the dairy barn, goat barn, and poultry barn. Recently we were able to learn about dairy products and participated in a butter making demonstration. Each of us was able to make butter using cream, a mason jar, and a whole lot of arm power. We have a variety of club members, we work together to learn and encourage each other. We have members that come from agricultural backgrounds and we have some members who don't. We participate in activities that for some of us is everyday life and for others it is a brand new adventure. We plan activities around feeding our minds and our creative side while developing life skills.



Valley Busters

The Valley Busters 4-H Club enjoys showing their animals - dairy goats, dairy cattle, beef cattle, horses and pigs. We enjoy community service like visiting area nursing homes and baking homemade bread for senior citizens in the area. We learn about foods such as making soups, casseroles, and pizza and baking desserts. We also like to make crafts and do outdoor activities such as ice skating, visiting Rogers Environmental Center, sledding parties, and skiing.

Dairy Day Parade and Coloring Contest

The planning committee for Dairy Day is in search of local farmers, businesses, community and school groups, and agricultural organizations to be a part of this year's parade! The parade will begin at 10am Saturday, June 15th. For a parade registration form, as well as guidelines for the parade, visit <http://chenango.cce.cornell.edu/agriculture/dairy-day> or contact Karen Hoffman at 607-334-3231 Ext. 116. If you'd rather participate in Dairy Day by providing an activity or exhibit at the fairgrounds, or if you would like to be a financial sponsor, please contact Marge Davis at 315-837-4741.

NYCAMH Poster Contest

The theme this year is "Safe Animal Handling" focusing on safe practices around all animals. Points are awarded for safety message, originality, and neatness. Deadline is July 5th, 2019. Submit posters to the NYCAMH office in Fly Creek. Contact Christina for more information and entry form: clh262@cornell.edu

Press Team

We are hoping that this newsletter becomes a group effort! If you are a 4-H member interested in communications or helping to put this newsletter together, contact Christina at clh262@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 ext 1114

Opportunities and Reminders

COUNTDOWN TO FAIR

The Chenango County Fair begins on August 6, 2019. Here is a list of events and activities leading up to a successful fair:

May 15	New 4-H Family Fair Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6pm
June 1st	Enrollment and Animal Ownership Paper work due
June 17th	Pullorum Testing
June 20th	4-H Riding Evaluations
July 10th	4-H Families and Leaders Association Picnic @6:00pm, Case Building
July 15th	4-H County Fair Entry Forms due to the 4-H Office
July 22nd	Fair Clean Up 9:00am
July 29th	Livestock Pen Set Up 7:00pm
August 3rd	Case Building Non-perishable Judging
August 5th	Case Building Perishable Judging

August 6-11th Chenango County Fair

FAIR THEME

This year's Fair Theme is:

A BOOT SCOOTIN' GOOD TIME

Decorate your club display and barn displays to reflect the theme and get ready for a boot scootin' good time in our Wild West!

Send us your Project Pictures!

As you are working on your 4-H projects approaching fair, send photos of you and your projects to Richard or Christina to highlight all of your hard work! rlt229@cornell.edu or clh262@cornell.edu

Upcoming County Wide Programs

Cake Decorating

May 11, 2019 - 9-11am - 4-H Office in Norwich

Join in for our free beginner cake decorating class! Learn simple cake decorating techniques, how to make icing and put your cake together, and how to enter your cakes into the fair! Contact Christina to reserve your spot: clh262@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 ext. 1114

Fossil Finding

May 18, 2019 - 1PM - Lebanon/Earlville

Come dig into history with us! Learn about what fossils are and how they're formed, tools for finding fossils, and how to identify what you've found. We will be searching and digging for fossils on Saturday May 18th at 1PM in Lebanon/Earlville area. Open to 4-H members of any age! Please wear close-toed shoes. Contact Christina to register and get the location information: 607-334-5841 ext 1114 or clh262@cornell.edu

Shooting Sports Beginner Course - This June/July!

Chenango County 4-H Shooting Sports will run a six week introduction to archery and air rifle. This program, taught by our trained instructors, is designed for youth new to shooting sports and will concentrate on safety and technique. For ages 9 and up. Must be enrolled 4-H members. We will have three 1.5 hour long sessions of archery on June 12, 19, 26 and three 1.5 hour long sessions of air rifle on July 10, 17, 24 beginning at 5:30pm. The course is free and all materials will be provided. The program will be held at the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club, 312 Rockdale Road, Mt. Upton, NY.

Contact Christina at: clh262@cornell.edu or rlt229@cornell.edu to pre-register for archery, air rifle, or both by June 5th.

Program Goals:

- Learn safety techniques and range commands
- Learn basic shooting fundamentals
- Learn about eye and ear protection
- Clean and maintain firearms and equipment
- Develop shooting skills
- Explore wildlife conservation



Survival Skills Challenge

June 1, 2019 - 9am - Millbrook Park, New Berlin

Imagine you're lost in the woods—what will you eat, how will you prepare a shelter, how will you stay warm? Join in for the second year of the 4-H Survival Skills Challenge to see if you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness! You and your team will be put to the ultimate test in challenges involving shelter building, kayaking, navigation, foraging, fire starting, and first aid using only your brain and the resources in your pack!

Find more information and register at: ccechenango.org/4-hsurvivalskillschallenge

Grow, Cook, Eat Program



The 4-H Grow Cook Eat project introduces members to growing and preparing their own food. A typical meeting will teach members how to plant and grow something, how to prepare that item in a recipe, and cook and eating the food item.

Youth will prepare a chosen recipe, using a garden item they grew, at the Farm to Fork Event during the County Fair.

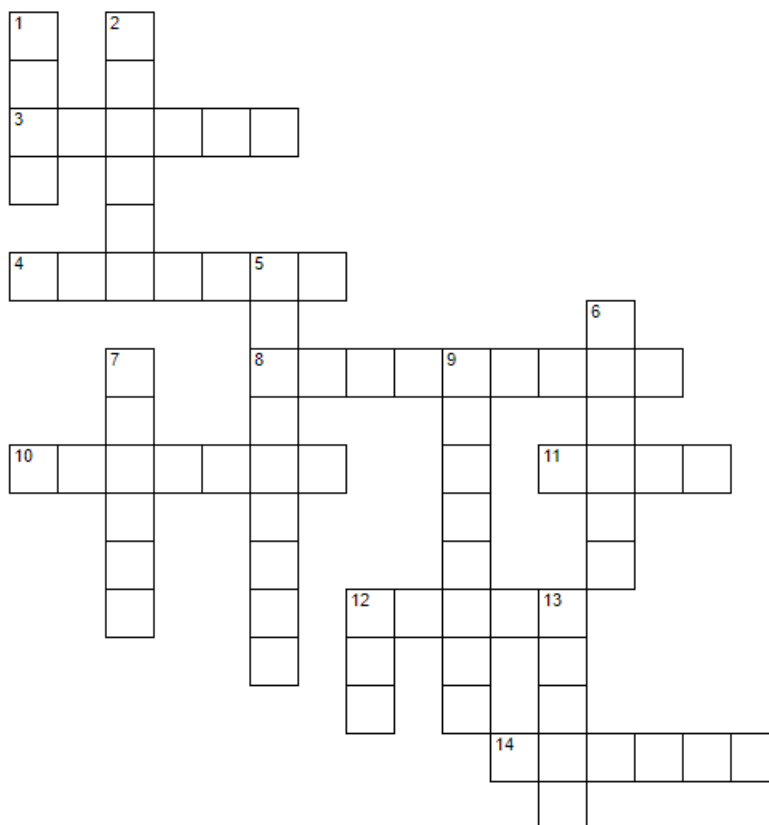
This Issue's Friend of 4-H: Leader's/Volunteer Association

The purpose of the Chenango County 4-H Leader's/Volunteer Association is to:

- Uphold and develop professional growth, standards, and ethics
- Assist the extension educators by providing committees for programs, projects, and activities
- Provide assistance to educators in offering special leader training workshops
- Provide a forum in which leaders may discuss and exchange ideas
- Review and discuss: 4-H club needs, 4-H procedures, standards of work, standards of judging
- Financial support in the form of scholarships, trips, and places where we can be of assistance

The Chenango County 4-H Leader's/Volunteer association is unique in the fact that other counties in our region and state do not have such support.

4-H CROSSWORD PUZZLE!



Across

- 3 Shooting ____
 4 Where the Chenango County 4-H office is located
 8 ____ Lions; Club
 10 land grant university in NY 4-H operates under
 11 ____ 1st is the deadline for animal registrations for fair
 12 "Learn by ____"
 14 "To make the best ____"

Down

- 1 Exhibit building at the fairgrounds
 2 symbol of 4-H
 5 Survival Skills ____
 6 Month the county fair is in
 7 Last name of one of your educators
 9 "I pledge my head to clearer ____"
 12 Achievement ____
 13 4-H color

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MAY		1 Scholarships due for Leader's and Dairy	2	3	4 FORESTRY--
5 --WEEKEND	6	7	8 Leader's Assoc. Meeting, 6pm	9	10	11 Cake Decorating -pg 5
12	13	14	15 New 4-H Family Fair Mtg, 6pm, Fairgrounds	16	17	18 Fossil Finding - pg 5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Grow, Cook, Eat - pg 5
26	27	28	29	30	31 Enrollments and AnimalReg. Due 6/1!!	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JUNE					1 Survival Skills Challenge, pg 5
2	3 Farmer's Museum Show Entries Due	4	5	6	7	8
9 Shooting Sports Regular Practice, 1pm	10	11	12 Beginner Archery, pg 5	13	14	15 STEM Camp, 4-H Camp Shankitunk
16	17 Pullorum Testing, 6pm Fairgrounds	18	19 Beginner Archery, pg 5	20 Riding Evals, 6pm Fairgrounds	21	22
23	24	25	26 Beginner Archery, pg 5	27	28	29 Grow Cook Eat, pg 5
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