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Congratulations!



Pictured above: Victoria Peila, center, at the National 4-H Conference learning about dairy production formulation.

Chenango County 4-H'er Victoria Peila has been accepted into the 4-H Junior Dairy Leaders Program through Cornell University. She is one of nearly 30 youth from around NYS to participate in this state-wide program, developing the next generation of dairy leaders! The group attended the National 4-H Conference in Wisconsin in September. Also, congratulations to 4-H'er Megan Peila on being a member of the founding class of the Beginning Junior Dairy Leaders Program through Cornell!

Amon learning the finer points of poultry showingmanship from judge and 4-H alumna Jamie Matts



4-H Support Needed

For many years Chenango County 4-H has borrowed Chicken Cages that are difficult to sanitize and keep in good repair. It is time to provide better biosecurity for our poultry. - A letter from Janet Pfromm, 4-H Coordinator

Thank you very much for your continued support of your local, state, and National 4-H Programs. Your generosity has helped shaped the lives of millions of youth both here in Chenango County and across this country!

The Chenango County 4-H Program is currently holding a campaign to raise funds to purchase a set of poultry cages for our 25 youth who participate in the 4-H Poultry Program. These youth annually exhibit an average of 300 birds of all shapes and sizes at the Chenango County Fair each year. Our 4-H Program borrows a neighboring county's cages each year to exhibit birds during the week of fair. While this has been a good partnership over the years, we find it increasingly difficult to receive the cages in good shape, i.e. clean, in good repair, and the proper number of sized cages

corresponding to our entries. Cages are usually used continuously over a 3 week period (3 county fairs) with little chance of proper cleaning/ disinfecting and maintenance. In an effort to provide better biosecurity to our 4-H members and their flocks, we would like to ask for your support in purchasing this much needed equipment (and crossing our fingers that 4-H poultry shows will resume in 2016!). We are

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Poultry Projects
youth participated in at
the fair in 2014

working with Keipper Cooping Company in Wisconsin to fabricate cages to our needs. The total cost for cages for 300 small and large birds, with shipping, is \$4,000.00.

As a 501(c)3 organization, your contribution to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County/ Chenango County 4-H is tax deductible and should be noted on your 2015 tax returns. We look forward to working with you on this worthwhile endeavor and greatly appreciate any and all support you are able to provide. Thanks again for your help and support!



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April 15: The Taxman Comes!

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As you read this in January, the winds and snow will be howling outside your windows, and as you curl up in front of the fireplace, the last thing that you want to think about is preparing your 2015 income tax return. However, as the old saying goes, death and taxes are about the only sure things in life. People frequently have questions about lowering the tax liabilities in their businesses. The three main tax lowering strategies are:

1. The agricultural sales tax exemption.
2. The agricultural income tax reduction.
3. Farmland reduction of real property tax.

The Sales Tax Exemption

Certain items which are purchased for use in a farm business can be exempt from paying sales taxes. How does one become a farm business? One must file for a business name certificate, otherwise known as a "doing business as" certificate, or "dba". You will be required to file for an "EIN", or Employee Identification Number, which can be done online or by phone. When this is accomplished, you must sign the required forms with each vendor or business from which you purchase supplies. You should consult with your accountant, in preparation of certificates as important legal consequences are involved.

Income Tax Reductions

To reduce your income tax liabilities, you need to file a "Schedule F, Form 1040" with the rest of your income tax forms, which is "Profit or Loss From Farming". This is where the services of a farm oriented tax accountant can be invaluable. Meticulous records

need to be kept throughout the year, in the case of a possible audit by the IRS. Copies of all receipts and disbursements need to be kept on hand in order to back up your Income Tax Statements. Expenses which have been legitimately garnered in the course of conducting your business can be deducted from your gross income and thus lowering your income tax liability.

Property Tax Reductions

The NY Agricultural Districts Law provides for reduced property tax bills for land in agricultural production by limiting the assessment of such land to its prescribed agricultural assessment value. Owners whose land satisfies the eligibility requirements may apply for an agricultural assessment, which can lower, but not eliminate your property taxes. The landowner must file an application (form RP-305 or RP-305-r) with your local town tax assessor, and which must be done annually, typically by March. The farmland must satisfy certain gross sales and acreage eligibility requirements. Land generally must consist of seven or more acres that were used in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock, or livestock products. The annual gross sales of products must average \$10,000 or more for the preceding two years. Farmlands that are not already in an established agricultural district may be eligible for this program as well.

For further information consult with your attorney or tax accountant. A copy of the 2015 Farmers Tax Guide can be accessed from our CCE Chenango website, or email me and I will send you an e-copy.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VITA PROGRAM

With tax season quickly approaching, the CASH (Creating Assets Savings and Hope) Coalition of Chenango and Madison Counties is looking for volunteers to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to become IRS-trained and certified tax preparers for families who earned less

than \$54,000 this tax year. No prior experience is necessary and training and testing may be completed online.

Volunteers will receive training to provide free tax help for low-to-moderate income families who need assistance preparing their tax returns. The volunteer sites are located at locations throughout both counties and the hours are flexible.

Many people will qualify for this free program for the first time this year due to economic changes in their income or changes in their marital or parental status according to the IRS. The agency estimates four out of five eligible workers currently claim their Earned Income Tax Credit. In 2014 hundreds of families/individuals took advantage of this program and had their income taxes prepared by the IRS-certified volunteers. In Chenango and Madison counties \$1.67 million were returned.

Evening and weekend appointments will be available Thursdays and Saturdays, January through March at locations throughout Chenango and Madison counties for those individuals needing assistance.

For more information about volunteering for the VITA program, contact Alice Andrews at 607-334-5841 ext. 18 or email: ama42@cornell.edu



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Master Gardener Volunteer training 2016

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Date	Morning session 8:30am-11:30am	Afternoon session 12:30-3:30pm
January 16th	Perennials with Paul Halstead	Basic Botany with Patty Catalano
January 23rd 9:30am-3pm	Soils and Fertilizers with Joann Gruttadaurio	All day session with same topic, hands on learning and lecture!
January 30th	I.P.M. with Betsy Lamb	Weeds with Betsy Lamb
February 6th	Woodies with Pat Curran	Vegetables with Pat Curran
February 13th	Introduction to Plant Disease with Karen Clift	Entomology with Jason Dombroskie
February 20th	SNOW MAKE-UP DAY	SNOW MAKE-UP DAY
February 27th	Small Fruits with Maria Gannett	Annuals with Joe Kille
March 5th	Wildlife with Peter Harrity	Food Safety Preserving the Garden with Ann Supa
March 12th	Composting with Kevin Mathers	Edible Landscaping & Permacul- ture with Sean Dembrosky
March 19th	Effective Volunteering with Lori Brewer	Herbs with Judy Strauff & Claire LeRoux
March 26th	Easter weekend—no sessions	
April 2nd	Invasive species with Paul Hetzler	Diagnosing Plant Problems with Karen Clift
April 9th	Snow date	Snow date
April 16th	Snow date	Snow date

Enrollment in classes, application, interview, background check and at least 50 hours of volunteer work in Chenango County are all required if you wish to become a Master Gardener Volunteer. If you do not want to become a MGCV, the general public is invited to attend classes as well, for a fee.



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If you are interested in attending any or all of these classes or in becoming a MGCV please contact Patty Catalano, Horticulture Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County at 607-334-5841 x 16.

Grow Cook Eat Program Graduates Fourth Class and Recruits for Next Session

The Grow Cook Eat program graduated its fourth class on December 1, 2015. 14 individuals completed the program and celebrated their accomplishments with dinner at the Bohemian Moon with staff and volunteer instructors. This Chenango United Way funded program was designed to give participants an integrated and holistic program so that the whole experience would be greater than the sum of its parts.

Each participant was provided with a community garden plot, container garden or support for gardening in their own yard. Requirements for graduation included taking 5 gardening classes, 6 Eat Smart New York (ESNY) cooking and nutrition classes, 3 food preservation classes, 3 YMCA physical fitness classes or group activities, personal goal setting and evaluation sessions,



Photo Caption: 2015 Grow Cook Eat Graduates and Staff
 Front Row L to R: Wanda Dutcher, Whitney Kmetz, Mary Dunnigan
 Second Row, L to R: Kathleen Campbell, Eileen Reynolds (Master Food Preserver Volunteer Instructor), Michele Vasilow, Regina Pylinski, Betty Clark (Master Food Preserver Instructor), June Granz, Kimberly Degear, Rebecca Hargrave (Master Food Preserver Volunteer Instructor)
 Back Row: L to R: Stacie Edick (on chair, GCE Coordinator), Edward Johnson, Neisa Pantalia (ESNY Educator), Cindy Warner, Gerald Gregory (Master Gardener Volunteer).

and completing 10 hours of volunteer work in the community including the Chenango United Way Day of Caring event. Several participants exceeded these goals and three participants took a total of 22 classes during the year!

Regina Pylinski said, "I learned so much new stuff. I loved the class interaction. There was such a great variety of information and participants. It is a wonderful program, and it is offered so close to where I live!"

Participants reported that they were eating healthier by using produce from their gardens, shopping at the farmers market or farm stands and using healthier recipes from ESNY or the internet. Many reported increased physical activity through gardening, YMCA classes and walking. They were also using coupons and saving money by checking sales and preparing a shopping list. And they are modeling these behaviors to their families, coworkers and students or clients.

Cindy Warner described the program as follows; "Grow, Cook, Eat is a "hands on learning" program taught by knowledgeable instructors. I gained the skills to garden successfully, preserve the harvest, and also made healthy lifestyle adjustments. I'm very grateful I had the opportunity to participate!"

Grow Cook Eat will begin recruiting participants for the 2016 program immediately as the program has secured multiple-year funding through 2017.

"We are looking for a diverse group of adults to participate in the program again this year. We want to attract people of different ages, income levels, education levels, and people with various levels of experience and skills in gardening, cooking and food preservation," said Stacie Edick.

If you are interested in applying to the Grow Cook Eat program please call 607-334-5841 ext 20 or email Stacie at spe26@cornell.edu to request a brochure with application be sent to you. Applications will be sent as soon as they are finalized in January 2016.

Grow Cook SERVE Finishes First Year

The new Grow Cook Serve program finished its first year. This Chenango United Way funded program is designed to increase the capacity of food pantries and soup kitchens in Chenango County by recruiting and training volunteers to grow or glean fresh produce for donation to food pantries and soup kitchens and to have participant volunteers staff food pantries and soup kitchens. So far 11 Participant Volunteers have provided 178 hours of volunteer service to growing crops, gleaning fresh produce, delivering to and staffing food pantries and soup kitchens. The program has donated 828 pounds of produce including 24 pounds of frozen corn and 55 pounds of frozen squash processed in the CCE Kitchen under Grow Cook Serve's 20C Food Processing License. In February we will know if the program has been funded again for 2016. If you are interested in volunteering or if your food pantry or soup kitchen needs help, please contact Stacie Edick at 607-334-5841 x 20 or email her at spe26@cornell.edu



Patti Bird delivers the squash she helped process to Our Daily Bread Food Closet where she volunteers.

New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application



The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.

Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in April.

To apply please call Janet at 607-334-5841 x. 12 to obtain the full scholarship form.

All applications are due on March 1st this year. NO late applications will be accepted.

Guernsey Achievement Application

The Guernsey Youth Dairy Achievement Awards are open for any youth involved in Guernsey production. You will need a letter from Cooperative Extension County 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor OR a representative of the Breed Association (not your parent) must also be submitted as part of your application for this award. Please submit application and all letters together.

Please e-mail or call Janet Pfromm at jlp27@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x. 12 to obtain the full application and apply by March 1, 2016

4-H Livestock Scholarship



Are you currently involved in the 4-H Livestock Program Area? Would you like help with financing your project area of interest? If so then apply for the 2016 4-H Livestock Scholarship. You will need to answer the questions on additional sheets of paper. We strongly encourage you to type your answers. Make sure your name is on each sheet. For more information contact Janet Pfromm at jlp27@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x. 12

1. Why are you interested in receiving a scholarship animal from the Chenango County 4-H Program?
2. What other activities have you been involved with during your 4-H career?
3. How do you plan to expand your knowledge of your animal or its industry? What other activities/learning activities will you participate in or do?
4. If awarded the scholarship animal of your choice, how would you raise this animal so that it reaches its full potential? Please give a detailed description of your care and management plan for your animal, including housing, health care, nutrition, finance, showing, breeding, etc.
5. How would you promote or handle the Livestock Auction to make it more successful?

Please visit the following for the complete application:

<http://chenango.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-livestock-scholarship-2016>

Partnership to Promote Farm Safety

Contact: Samantha Park, Marketing Coordinator
Tel. (800) 343-7527 | samantha.park@bassett.org



The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York Farm Bureau (NYFB) and New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) joined together at Turning Point Farm in Saratoga Springs Monday, Dec. 14, to announce the establishment of a fund to help New York farmers enhance safety on the farm.

“We’re excited to integrate this program into the portfolio of health and safety services we offer to the agricultural community,” said NYCAMH’s Director, Julie Sorensen. The John May Safety Fund fills a gap in services to small farms, where slim profit margins often make it difficult to do more than what is needed to keep the farm running every day”.

The Safety Fund set up by NYCAMH honors the organization’s co-founder and long-time director Dr. John May and will assist New York farmers who need financial help improving safety on their farms. As the first program of its kind in New York State, this cost sharing program will allow farmers to make lifesaving safety upgrades.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, “With the continued growth of the agricultural industry and our efforts to encourage the next generation of farmers, it’s even more important than ever that we support farm safety programs like the John May Safety Fund. It is our hope that this grant fund administered by NYCAMH will bring attention to the importance of much needed safety projects and upgrades, and we encourage the agricultural community to take advantage of these newly available resources.”

The new program announced by NYCAMH will become available beginning in January of 2016 to the state’s farmers who meet the application guidelines. The program will be geared towards smaller farms of all commodities. Applications to the program may be submitted at any time and may be obtained online at www.nycamh.org, by calling NYCAMH at (800) 343-7527 or emailing info@nycamh.org. The number of awards and the award amount will be determined by NYCAMH on a first-come, first-served basis. “NYCAMH provides an essential service for farms across New York. The efforts to improve safety and working conditions for both farmers and their employees has, no doubt, saved lives and reduced the number of injuries. New York Farm Bureau is a strong supporter of NYCAMH’s work and is hopeful our members will take advantage of the new grant program to make farms in this state even better places to work,” said Steve Ammerman, New York Farm Bureau Manager of Public Affairs.

Since it’s founding in the early 1980’s, NYCAMH has established a farmer’s clinic to help diagnose and treat farm related injuries and illnesses, developed a NYS ROPS Rebate Program that has retrofitted over 1,400 tractors, and performed hundreds of on-farm safety trainings to thousands of farm workers.

Learn more at www.nycamh.org

UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) Training-CCE Cortland

Saturdays from January 16 - April 2

A Master Gardener Volunteer is someone who enjoys gardening, the smell of soil, sharing experiences with others, giving back to the community and growing plants. It is a program through Cornell Cooperative Extension that bridges Cornell University research and knowledge with communities and experienced individuals. Fee \$100, call Patty Catalano, 334-5841 ext. 16 to learn more and register.



Save Energy, Save Dollars: EmPower NY- CCE Chenango

Thursday, January 21, 5:30pm-7:30pm or Saturday, January 23, 9am-11am

Learn ways to lower your energy bills, identify the biggest energy users in your home, and how to improve your home's comfort and health. Participants will create an individualized Action Plan to start saving money and energy cost. They will also receive Free CFL bulbs. Save Energy, Save Dollars Workshops are Free, but pre-registration is required. Light refreshments will be provided. FREE, call Cindy, 334-5841 ext. 11 to register

Beekeeping for Beginners-CCE Broome

Saturday, January 23, 2016, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM or Saturday, January 23, 2016, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This class will prepare you for getting your own Honey Bees this spring with an overview of equipment, hive products, Honey Bee management and of course Honey Bees themselves. Bring a drink and snack. Registered participants will receive a CD of the presentations, informative beekeeping documents, and links. The Southern Tier Beekeepers will be hosting a "hands-on" session in early spring to give everyone a chance to work a beehive before their purchased bees arrive. Fee \$25, visit ccebroomecounty.com

Beginner Go Pro Video- CCE Chenango

Wednesday, January 27, 7pm

Go Pro camera videos are a great way to record and share family fun, or to promote your business. Come to our workshop to learn how to operate these versatile go-anywhere video cameras, how to take the best video, how to edit video and to upload it to the internet. Fee \$10 per family, call Cindy, 334-5841 ext. 11 to register



Maple Production for the Beginner- CCE Chenango

Tuesday, February 2, 7-9 pm

We will discuss how to make maple syrup, what trees give you sweet sap, tapping, collecting sap, boiling, equipment, knowing when it is finished, filtering, canning, storing and using maple syrup. We will also take a look at why sap runs and what a producer can do about it. Fee \$7, call Cindy, 334-5841 ext. 11 to register



Learn How to Sell at Farmers' Markets-CCE Broome

Thursday, February 4, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

This workshop will focus on all aspects of selling at a Farmers' Market, including permits and insurance, marketing and displays, basic food safety, and products needed to fill niches at the various farmers' markets in Broome County. We'll also hear from local farmers' markets seeking vendors, including Highland Park, Endicott Visitor Center, Otsiningo Park and Downtown Binghamton. Fee \$15, visit ccebroomecounty.com to find out more

Pruning Workshop Series: Fruit trees and soft fruits-CCE Chenango

Wednesday, February 24, 4-7pm

Learn how to get the best out of your fruit trees and soft fruits! This class will teach you how to properly prune your fruit trees, soft fruits and a few other odds and ends. If you've never pruned before, come learn about the basic pruning cuts and why pruning is so important. Dress for the weather as some of the workshop will be outside. Bring pruners if you have them. Fee \$10 per farm, call Cindy, 334-5841 ext. 11 to register by Feb. 23



Online Marketing for your Farm or Business-CCE Chenango

Wednesday, February 24, 7pm

Online marketing of products from your farm or business is easier than ever before. Learn easy ways to use Facebook, YouTube, Ebay Google, PayPal and other social media to jump start your business. Learn how to create online stores for your products and how to receive payment for your goods. Fee \$10 per family, call Cindy, 334-5841 ext. 11 to register

MID-WINTER MAKE-IT

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
 Cornell Cooperative Extension Office,
 Norwich, NY



Schedule:

- 8:30-10am Make-It Sessions
- 10:00-10:15 Snack Break
- 10:15-11:45 Make-It Sessions
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch
- 12:35-4:00 Make-It Sessions
- 3:00 Snack Break

Cost:

\$10 for the day or \$3 for 1 class, \$8 for 2 classes

Please wear old clothes and bring your lunch. Snacks to be provided. Some activities require participants to bring items from home.

CB- Cloverbud Activity T-Teen/Older Youth E-Everyone

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| A. Thumb print Flowers, B | O. Clothes Pin Magnets, CB |
| B. Craft Stick Bird Feeders, E | P. Wooden Key Chains, E |
| C. Melted Crayon Art, E | Q. Carved CD Sun Catchers, T |
| D. Glass Etching, T | R. Counted Cross Stitch, T |
| E. Natural Dragon Flies, E | S. Galaxy T-Shirt, E |
| F. Fly Fishing Tying, E | T. Para cord Bracelet, T |
| G. Custom Coasters, E | V. Light Bulb Vases, T |
| H. Mason Jar Piggy Bank, E | W. Wooden Photo Plaques, T |
| I. Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts, E | X. Stained Glass Painting, CB |
| J. Colorful Q-Tip Dandelions, CB | Y. Nail Polish Marble Flower Pots, E |
| K. T-Shirt Necklace, T | Z. Chihuly Chandelier, E |

Each activity must have at least 5 participants in order to be held. All participants will be contacted via e-mail as to their workshop choices when final registration is completed. A finalized time schedule of activities will also be emailed out.

Please return activity choices by mail or email to: Janet Pfromm, 99 N Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815 or jlp27@cornell.edu

Please complete and return registration form no later than February 1st. Please remit payment with activity selection. If paying by check, please include 4-H Mid-Winter Make-It in the memo line.

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Name _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Workshop Choices:

- 1st _____
- 2nd _____
- 3rd _____
- 4th _____
- 5th _____
- 6th _____

Workshop Choices:

- 1st _____
- 2nd _____
- 3rd _____
- 4th _____
- 5th _____
- 6th _____



Chenango County 4-H is hosting it's 2nd Annual Fashion Runway Competition. Our one day contest is designed to make an item to help pass the "Lazy Days of Winter".

When & Where: Saturday, January 16, 2016
CCE Chenango County
99 North Broad Street
Norwich, NY 13815

- Participants must be a registered 4-H Member and at least 12 years old to participate. Members 12-13 years old will be Junior Designers, charged with creating 1 clothing or accessory item. Members 14-19 years of age will be Senior Designers, charged with creating 1 clothing outfit.
- 4-H sewing mentors are not necessary but are appreciated .
- A \$25 non-refundable contestant fee with your application (check or money order; no cash) must be mailed to: Sew Busy 4-H Club, C/O Ricki Cower, 3206 State Rt. 79, Harpursville, NY 13787
- The winning contestant will win \$50 cash and other prizes will be announced at the event.
- You will need to bring everything with you to complete your design. You may use a commercial pattern for this event. Please bring a sewing machine you are familiar with, serger, all meals and snacks (we have a kitchen here to cook), needles, scissors, thread, accessories and anything else you choose to use.
- Chenango County 4-H has a some fabric, sewing machines and one serger you may use but you must call CCE Chenango to reserve these items ahead of time (Call 607-334-5841 x. 12 to talk with Janet).

Schedule:

8:00 am Check-in at CCE Chenango County
 8:00-10:00am Garment Construction
 10-10:15am Break
 10:15-12:00 Garment Construction
 12:00-12:30 Lunch (you can bring your own)
 12:30-3:00 Complete Garment Construction
 3:00-4:00 Clean-up & ready garments for show
 4:30-5:00 Pre-Judging
 5:30-6:00 Fashion Show & Awards

Last Day to register is December 20, 2015

For more information:

<http://www.facebook.com/Chenango4H/>

OR

<http://chenango.cce.cornell.edu/>



Horse Public Speaking, 4-H Horse Demonstration-Individual, and 4-H Horse Demonstration-Team were added in 1982.

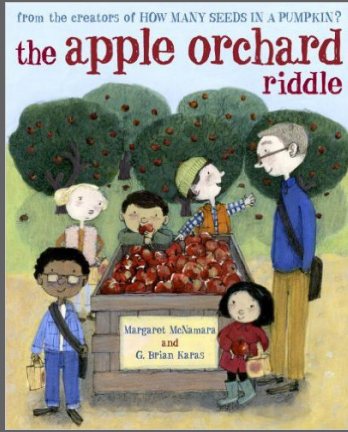
In 1985, the event became the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup and moved to the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, and a 4-H Hippology Contest was added. The North American and Commonwealth of Kentucky offers outstanding facilities, support and a quality of horses to make this an outstanding program with unlimited potential. Donations from industry businesses, individuals and associations have been instrumental in funding the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. Without their support, along with that of the North American International Livestock Exposition, the Roundup would not be possible.

4-H National Horse Program

The US 4-H horse program has an enrollment of over 260,000 – the largest of the animal-oriented projects and one of the most popular projects with great appeal to both boys and girls. Beginning in 1968 as the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Judging Contest, held at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the activities were expanded in 1972 to include a 4-H Horse Bowl Contest. The event was officially approved as the National 4-H Horse Roundup in 1978. Three new contests: 4-H

The Roundup is the final educational-competition event for hundreds of 4-H members from all over the nation. All are state winners and proudly represent their state in this exciting, educational and competitive program. Good luck to all of the current contestants, and best wishes to all who have participated in this exciting event. Source: Eastern National Horse Round Up <http://4hroundup.com/>

This year Chenango County 4-H members Annalisa Ferrotta and Nathan Turrell competed in the Public Speaking Team Competition. New York State continues to have a strong representation at this event. The New York State Horse Communication Team placed 10th overall.



Agricultural Literacy Week

March 14-18

Now in its 11th Year, Agricultural Literacy Week has helped to bring agriculturally themed books and resources into thousands of classrooms and libraries throughout New York State. Reading volunteers are needed for the 2016 Ag Literacy Week Program. Volunteers will be asked to sponsor and read this year's book to K-2 students throughout the county in participating schools. Books are \$12 (to cover the cost of the book and mailings) each and include a bookplate to list each sponsor and classroom lesson plan. Following the reading, books are then donated to the school library for future use.

This year's book is The Apple Orchard Riddle by Margaret McNamara and G. Brian Karas. The book describes a class trip to an orchard to learn about apples and all of the yummy things made from apples while trying to solve a riddle.

If you are interested in sponsoring an Ag Literacy book for a local school or are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Janet to find out how to become involved, jlp27@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x12.

4-H Incubation & Embryology Program

The 4-H Incubation and Embryology Program is a great way for schools and families to help young people observe the mystery of life and learn some of the principles of reproduction. The project provides an opportunity for youth to work with living, growing chick embryos. A secondary but equally important objective is to provide leaders and teachers with an interesting and unique educational tool. Not only is the embryology project fun, but it also opens many opportunities for learning.

Delivery for eggs is Monday, April 18. Orders must be received by March 1st. For more information and to receive an order packet, please contact Janet Pfromm, 607-334-5841 x12 or jlp27@cornell.edu.

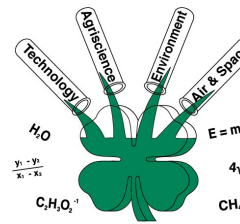


2nd Annual 4-H Super Science Fair

Saturday, February 6, 2016

9am-1pm

Community Room @
Morrisville State College,
Norwich Campus



Cl*verology:
A Scientific Solution

What are you curious about?

Ever wonder how something is made or why something happens a certain way?

Then join Chenango County 4-H for its 2nd Annual Super Science Fair! This is your chance to learn something new and teach others too.

Categories:

- Research Poster Presentation
- Research Experiment and Poster Presentation

Judging at 9am with award recognition at 12:30pm

Each 4-H member participating will receive a science learning kit.

To find out more, check out Chenango County

4-H @

Chenango.cee.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development or facebook.com/chenango4h

4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology



4-H members participating explore the bone structure of a horse using macaroni noodles

If you are interested in learning more about horses and the equine industry with kids from across the county, join us for Horse Bowl Practices, Friday evenings at the 4-H Office. Lots of hands-on learning leads up to the Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl contests where youth compete in a "Jeopardy"-like contest, with

buzzers!! All practices begin at 6pm. Prepare to get dirty and learn more about horses! January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4; March 12 – Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Contests

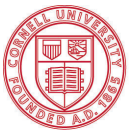
4-H Dairy Bowl



4-H members practice hoof trimming

If you are interested in learning more about dairy cattle and the dairy industry with kids from across the county, join us at Dairy Bowl Practices, Friday evenings at the 4-H Office. Lots of hands-on learning leads up to the Regional Dairy Bowl contest

where youth compete in a "Jeopardy"-like contest, with buzzers!! All practices begin at 7pm. Prepare to get dirty and learn more about cows! January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4; March 12 – Regional Dairy Bowl Contest



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Classes offered at CCE Cheanngo	
Master Gardener Volunteer Training	Saturdays from January 16- April 2, 8:30-12pm
Save Energy, Save Dollars, EmPower Education	January 21 @ 5:30-7:30pm January 23 @ 9-11am
Beginner Go Pro Video	January 27 @ 7pm
Maple Production for the Beginner	February2 @ 7-9pm
Pruning Worshop Series 1: Fruit Trees and Soft Fruits	February 24 @ 4-7pm
Online Marketing for Your Farm or Business	February 24 @ 7pm

4-H Events	
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Jan. 8 @ 6pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Jan. 15 @ 6pm
4-H Public Presentation Training	Jan. 18
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Jan. 22 @ 6pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Jan. 29 @ 6pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Feb. 5 @ 6pm
4-H Super Science Fair @ MSC	Feb. 6 @ 9-1pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Feb 12 @ 6pm
Livestock Scholarships Due	Feb 15 @ 4pm
Mid-Winter Make It	Feb 16
Animal Science Committe Meeting	Feb 17 @ 7pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Feb 19 @ 6pm
4-H Dairy Bowl (7pm)/ Horse Bowl (6pm)	Feb 26 @ 6pm