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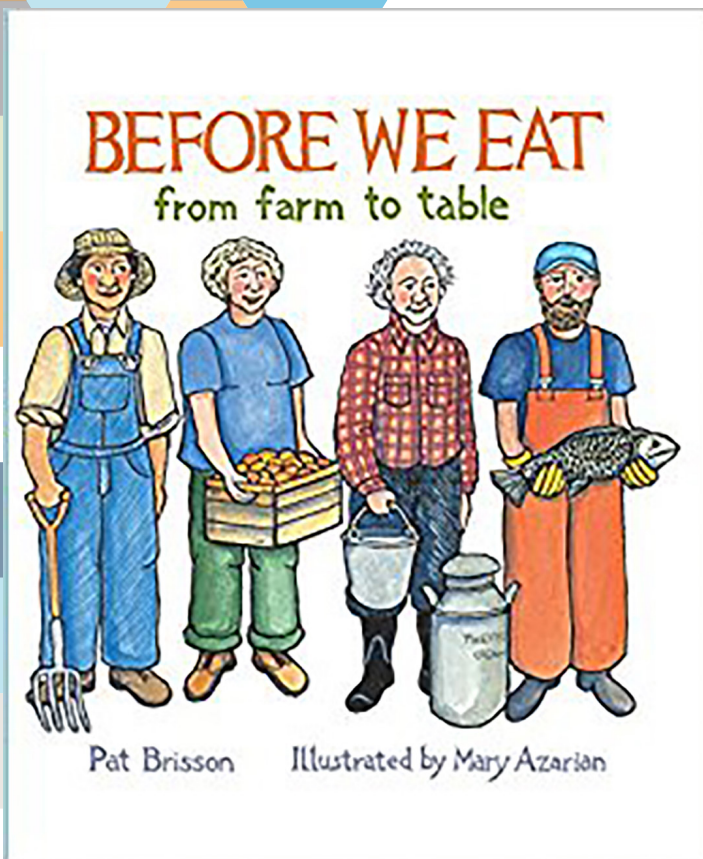
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2018 Ag Literacy Week

March 19-23, 2018

This year's Ag Literacy Week book: **Before We Eat: from farm to table,**
by Pat Brisson and Mary Azarian



Before we eat, many people must work very hard—planting grain, catching fish, tending animals, and filling crates. In this book, vibrantly illustrated by Caldecott Medalist Mary Azarian, readers find out what must happen before food can get to our table to nourish our bodies and spirits. Milk doesn't just appear in your refrigerator, nor do apples grow in the bowl on the kitchen counter.

This book has received the following awards: Moonbeam Gold Award, Growing Good Kids Award For Excellence In Children's Literature, American Horticultural Society, and National Master Junior Gardner Program.

We are hoping that **YOU** can help us place one book in each local school this year and have at least one volunteer reader sharing their farming experience with ALL of our K-2 classrooms! Book sponsorships are \$12 and include the lesson plans and supplies for each classroom to complete one hands-on activity after the 20 minute reading.

To volunteer to read or to become a book sponsor, please contact Janet by February 1, 2018 at 607-334-5841 X12 or jl27@cornell.edu.

Dairy Discovery

March 31, 2018 • Cornell University



This year's topic will be:
Maximizing the Feed Management Program

Nutrition management is a critical factor in determining the production potential of dairy enterprises. The feeding program can influence the prioritizing of expenses. In many cases, over 25% of the variable costs associated with operating a dairy are directly incorporated into the purchasing of feeds. Furthermore, harvesting techniques, feeding methods, housing strategies, and monitoring these areas can play key roles in the growth and milk production responses animals express to a particular nutrition program.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet for registration, jl27@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x12. Cost of the program is \$50 and spots fill up fast. 4-H Paper Clover Campaign funds will be used to cover the cost of Chenango County 4-H'ers attending this trip, providing they register through the CCE Office. Trip leaves CCE at 7am and returns between 5-5:30pm.

Homeschool After-school Opportunities

Know any homeschooled students?

4-H has TWO locations now having afterschool programming welcoming homeschool students and focusing on STEAM activities. You don't have to be a 4-H member to participate. Contact Christina for more information!

Upcoming dates:

At the 4-H Office in Norwich

2:00-3:00pm

- January 17th • Milky Mysteries
- January 31st • Fun with Fidget Spinners
- February 14th • Valentine Science
- February 28th • Magnet Mania

At the New Berlin Library

3:30-4:30pm

- January 10 • Magnet Mania
- January 24 • Fun with Fidget Spinners
- February 7 • Scribble Bot Building
- February 21 • Milky Mysteries

Here is an image from our Homeschool Afterschool in December, the kids enjoyed making scribble bots!

Dairy Bowl and Horse Bowl Practices

Come to the CCE Office on Friday nights this winter to learn more about cows and horses! Rhonda Turrell will be leading horse bowl practices from 6-8pm and Janet will be leading dairy bowl practices 7-8pm. All practices will be hands-on and will cover the basic animal biology through industry events.

Dates for practices:

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9



4-H Sewing Scholarship

Friends of 4-H is offering up to \$25.00 in multiple funded scholarships for fabric and notions available to all 4-H Members in Chenango County. (Cloverbuds will be offered up to \$10.00). Scholarships are awarded to help promote and encourage more youth to sew and create textiles throughout the county. 4-H members may purchase sewing supplies with this scholarship for any fabric project completed in this 4-H calendar year.

This scholarship will allow for recipients to purchase fabric, patterns, thread, and materials for their project from a place of their choice. However, all receipts from purchases need to be turned into the 4-H Office for reimbursement.

Awarded scholarship recipients are required to:

- Participate in the 4-H Sewing Spectacular and exhibit at the Chenango County Fair this upcoming summer.
- Submit a photograph and thank you to the Master Clothing and Textile Group upon completion of the project.

To apply please fill out the application by February 1, 2018 and send by hard copy or email to:

Janet Pfromm
4-H Coordinator
99 North Broad Street
Norwich, NY 13815
Fax: 607-336-6961
E-mail: jlp27@cornell.edu



4-H Livestock Scholarships

Applications for those members, and non-members willing to join 4-H, looking to get into a livestock project area are being accepted for the annual 4-H Livestock Scholarship Program. This program annually awards youth members beef, dairy, meat/dairy goats, sheep, and swine project animals that may be sold through the annual 4-H Livestock Auction or may serve as foundation animals for a members herd or flock. Applications can be found on the 4-H website and must be returned by March 1.

4-H applications can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this issue. Make sure to return them to Janet!

4-H Wish List

As we near the end of 2017, and with thoughts of giving and giving back while making a positive impact, **Chenango County 4-H** is in need of the following new or gently used items to help us continue **“Making the Best Better”** in

Chenango County:

Ice Auger

2 Tip-Up Fishing Poles

10 Ice Fishing Poles

10 Archery Targets

Snow Shoes of various sizes

2 Plastic Sleds

12 6-8' Folding Tables—plastic for fairgrounds

2 .22 Rifles and ammo

Laboratory Equipment

LCD Projector—ceiling mount

15 Sydell Hog Pens for fair



Caring Volunteers willing to share their expertise!



Important Dates for your Calendar

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 • Horsebowl and Dairybowl Practices @ CCE

Feb 1 • 4-H Sewing Scholarship Applications Due

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 • Horsebowl and Dairybowl Practices @ CCE

Feb 15 • 4-H Animal Science Committee Meeting, 7pm CCE

Feb 17 • 4-H Public Presentations

Feb 22-24 • NYS Farm Show, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse

Mar 1 • 4-H Livestock Scholarship Applications Due

Mar 2 • Horsebowl and Dairybowl Practices @ CCE

Mar 9 • 4-H Sewing Trip to Jo-Ann Fabrics in Vestal, 9-1pm

Mar 9 • Horsebowl Practices @ CCE

Mar 10 • 4-H Horsebowl, Hippology, and Dairybowl Contests, Chenango Forks Elementary School

Mar 17 • 4-H District Public Presentations **Contest, Chenango Forks**

Mar 17 • March Dog Madness, Cornell University

Mar 19-23 • Ag Literacy Week

Mar 24 • CUDS Youth Judging Clinic and Sale, Cornell University

Mar 26-30 • 4-H Sewing Camp, 9-12

Mar 31 • Dairy Discovery, Cornell University



JANUARY - FEBRUARY

FEATURED STEM PROJECT Screaming Balloons

Adapted from Steve Spangler Science

Materials Needed: Balloons, Hex Nuts

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Squeeze the hex nut through the mouth of the balloon and make sure it falls all the way into the balloon so you don't swallow it.
2. Blow up the balloon and tie it. Don't overinflate the balloon.
3. Grip the balloon at the stem end as you would hold a bowling ball. The neck of the balloon will be in your palm and your fingers and thumb will extend down the sides of the balloon.
4. While holding the balloon palm down, swirl the balloon around in a circular motion. The hex nut may bounce around at first, but it will soon begin to roll around the inside of the balloon. What can you observe?
5. Once the hex nut begins to spin, use your other hand to stabilize the balloon. Your hex nut should continue to spin.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Motion: The shape of the balloon makes the hex nut move in a circular path. There's also very little friction between the edge of the hex nut and the balloon. The real force in action here is a centripetal force. Centripetal force is the inward force on a body that causes it to move in a circular path.

Sound: A hex nut has six sides, and these flat edges cause the hex nut to bounce or vibrate inside the balloon. The screaming sound is made by the sides of the hex nut vibrating against the inside wall of the balloon.

EXTENSIONS:

1. What happens when you change the size of the balloon or the size of the hex nut?
2. Try using a marble in place of a hex nut. Does the marble make the balloon "scream?"
3. Experiment with other objects whose edges may vibrate against the balloon.

The Chenango County 4-H Leaders Association would like to wish you all a **Happy Holidays!**

Dear 4-H Families,

We would also like to take this time to fill everyone in on what we have been doing over this 4-H year. Chenango County is one of a few, if any, county in the region that has this type of organization. We are privileged to aid and give support to our dedicated 4-H educators, and to the children you have entrusted to the 4-H community. This group of volunteers willingly lend a hand when it comes to our 4-H kids, yes our kids. 4-H is family and we feel strongly that any positive thing we can do for the children in 4-H will only help to strengthen the future of our children.

The volunteers in this organization work to raise money that help fund the extras that the county is not able to provide. We help to aid our kids on any trips that they have worked hard to earn, scholarships for our seniors, end of the year awards, new clubs just starting out - like shooting sports and Kreative kids, repairs on the buildings at the fairgrounds, and any equipment needed for 4-H, like the appliances needed to run Chapman Hall or the Case Building. These are just a few of the things we have helped with over the years.

As 2018 rapidly approaches, we would like to challenge all of you to become involved with improving the entire county 4-H program. If you care about the future of 4-H, and more importantly our children, then we would like you to be a part of the Leaders' Association. Time is an issue, we all have many obligations and things tugging at our schedules, however this group only meets a few times throughout the year. Once in March, May, July, October, and December.

Our Challenge for this new year is that each club sends their leader as well as any volunteer, parent, or anyone interested in helping with the future of this organization. We also welcome those parents that have independent 4-Her's. In our minds you are all leaders helping to shape the future of 4-H in our county. You can expect new and different things happening in 2018, and it will take all of you in order to make these changes possible.

One last note, we would like to send a special thank you to the leaders, parents, and kids from the Storm Family 4-H club for their awesome Christmas Tea and Auction. You did an amazing

job!

We look forward to welcoming you all to our meetings and the new changes that we hope to implement in 2018.

Our next meeting is: March 7th, 6:30 @ the CCE building



Thank you,

The 4-H Leaders Association

Rhonda Turrell – President

Nadine VanAlst – Vice President

Jill Bennett - Secretary

Louise Butcher – Treasurer

Upcoming Teen Event

Get your skates out! Our next teen event will be Ice Skating at the Morrisville Iceplex on Sunday, February 4th. We will be leaving the 4-H office at 12:15pm or you can meet us at Morrisville Campus at the start of open skate at 1:00pm. Cost for youth to skate and skate rentals will be covered, though there is a snack stand if you want to bring money for snacks. 4-H youth ages 13 and up welcome.



4-H Outdoor Adventure

On December 16th, a group of 4-H members headed to Cook Park in Greene for a Survival Skills adventure. On the snowy day, participants learned how to

start a fire with few resources - one paper towel, a striker and flint. In their teams, they were challenged to find an appropriate location to build a shelter, use the resources in the woods to build their shelter, and finally start a fire and melt snow over the fire for water. Members used the sun and compasses to determine the directions to and from camp. These members are survivors! Great job, everyone!



Let us know if you are planning on attending either or both of the events below. Contact Christina if you have any questions about Outdoor Adventure projects or if you would like to become a volunteer for any of our topic areas. Clh262@cornell.edu or 607-334-5841 x14

Upcoming Activities

Trekking and Tracking Snowshoeing Event – January 27th, 1PM

Join us at the Rogers Environmental Center in Sherburne on Saturday, January 27th from 1-3 PM for a snowshoeing event where you can learn to snowshoe, search for and identify animal tracks, then warm up by the fire with some cocoa when finished. We will be meeting at the Rogers Environmental Center at 1pm. Dress appropriately for the weather and snow. ***Note that this date is not the third weekend of the month and is different than the tentative date we had on our original schedule***

Ice Fishing - February 17th, 1PM

Mark your calendars for February 17th to come on out and hit the ice with us and catch some fish! We will be meeting at Guilford Lake from 1:00 to 3:30PM. Participants older than 16 years of age must have a fishing license. Dress appropriately for the weather. If anyone needs a ride from the 4-H office contact Christina for more information.

Thank You *Kids In Need Foundation* and *JoAnn Fabrics Store #358!*

Chenango County 4-H wishes to thank the *Kids In Need Foundation* and the *Cortland JoAnn Fabrics Store #358* for their continued support. In 2017, we were the recipient of donations that included crafting, art, sewing and so many more supplies to help our after school, traditional, and club programs. The Foundation and Store have helped our program save over \$14,000 in material costs to make a lot of great projects just this year alone!

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 16th. Orders must be received by February 20th. For more information and to receive an order packet, please contact Janet Pfromm, at (607) 334-5841 x12 or jlp27@cornell.edu.

Chainsaw Safety Part III: Unsafe Practices

Rich Taber, CCE Chenango

Here is the third installment in a series on chainsaw safety and operation, as part of our CCE Chenango grant project done in collaboration with the New York Farm Viability Institute, *"Increased Farm Profitability and Diversity through Value-Added Forest Products Initiative."* We have been encouraging farmers and woodland owners to develop forest based enterprises, many of which at one time or another require the safe use of chainsaws. We have discussed personal protective equipment that is needed for the safe operation of chainsaws and elaborated on the specifics of each component needed for a fully functional personal protective system, which includes protection for head, hearing, eye, leg, feet, and hands. Here are some of the specific unsafe and hazardous practices which commonly lead to chainsaw and tree felling injuries.

As mentioned previously I have seen a number of television shows which depict chainsaw users committing horribly unsafe and dangerous practices, as well as having frequently witnessed such acts in person. The first major violation is the lack of proper personal protective equipment, such as a proper helmet with head, eye, ear, and face protection. The next major violation would be not using safety leggings or chaps, which are especially important because a majority of chainsaw injuries occur in the lower leg region. Finally, not wearing proper foot gear can result in cuts or feet being crushed under rolling logs.

The next area where I see a lot of safety violations is in the use of the chainsaw itself. Running a saw with a loose chain is hazardous, because the chain has the ability to easily fly off. The chainsaw owner's manual will show the proper chain tension, as well as the techniques to properly sharpen the chain.

Probably the most common and egregious error that I have seen is the "drop starting" of chainsaws. This is done by holding the saw in one hand and pulling the start cord while the saw is unsecured, with the other hand, in the air. The saw needs to be on the ground or held and braced securely against a leg when starting.

Oh, by the way, are you left handed? Sorry, but you cannot safely run a chainsaw left handed, and you are going to have to use it right handed. Using a chainsaw left handed can result in the chain being pulled back into your vulnerable body when it kicks back.

Chainsaw's must also be properly maintained, and a tool kit with all of the necessary tools must be close by, as well as a well-stocked first aid kit. It's always a good idea to not work alone in the woods, or if you have to, have your cell phone with you so that you can call for emergency help if needed. If you hurt yourself, it does no good to have the phone "back in the truck," several hundred yards away.

Be safe! Arms, legs, and fingers do not grow back!



Bill Lindloff of the Game of Logging instructs students how to check chain tension and do pre-operational maintenance checks.

A Gardener's Resolution:

Sure, everyone at least considers turning over a new leaf at the beginning of the year but gardeners consider these resolve-to-make-it-better ideas when they plant in the spring, put the garden to bed in the fall, and all winter long as they scrutinize seed catalogs and browse gardening blogs. Here is a list of resolutions to inspire your garden for the coming year.

Spend more time in the garden. Whether you're busy tending plants or kicking back and relaxing, time spent in the garden brings its own joys and rewards.

- Getting out in the garden at the end of a busy day reduces your stress levels and mental fatigue.
- Gardening keeps you active and reduces your stress levels, and that means it can help prevent heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and other associated lifestyle diseases.
- Mounting evidence shows that a number of health and behavior problems, including anxiety and depression, are directly linked to the amount of time you spend outside.

Welcome wildlife to your landscape. Create an inviting habitat for garden visitors by providing food, water and shelter to birds, butterflies and pollinators. Consider transforming some of your lawn into gardens filled with flowers and fruit-bearing shrubs.

Plant more than you need. If you are overburdened with produce each summer, your local food pantry or soup kitchen can make good use of your excess. Plus, Research has shown that the good feelings you experience when helping others may be just as important to your health as exercise and a healthy diet.

Compost more. Food scraps and yard waste currently make up 20 to 30 percent of what we throw away, and should be composted instead. Making compost at home keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. It also, enriches soil and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.

Never stop learning. If you are new to gardening, check out the many classes and workshops offered at Cornell Cooperative Extension to you help on your gardening journey. If you are an experienced gardener, explore the Master Gardner Volunteer program.

For now enjoy the winter as a welcome break from work in the garden and take stock of the past with an eye toward creating an even brighter future.

2018 Pheasant Project

Since 2006, Chenango County has reared and released over 10,250 pheasants into the wild for all to enjoy. Thank you for your past involvement in this project!

We are currently taking orders for the 2017 Project and hope to have 1,000 pheasant chicks reared this project year! All orders, no matter the size, will be taken in lots of 25 birds.

A free-will donation of \$5 per order will be accepted to cover the mailing costs of this great program. Orders due March 20, 2018.

Please contact Janet Pfromm to place your order or to request more information, 607-334-5841 x12 or jlp27@cornell.edu



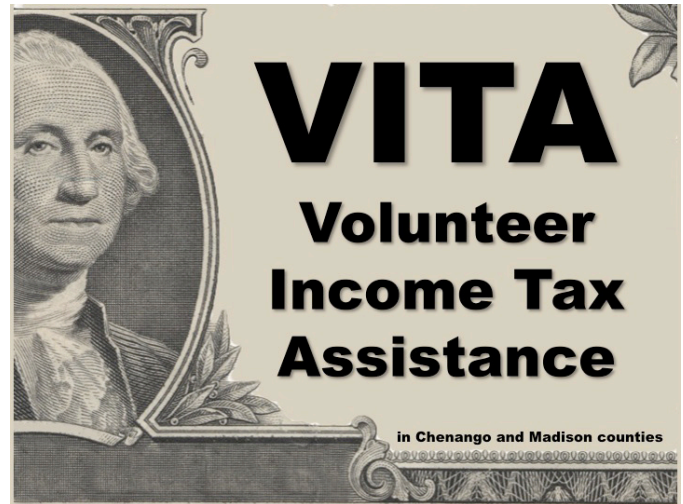
Make Money from Your Woodlot!

Woodlots can produce thousands of dollars per year for farmers and landowners. Timber, firewood, maple, and mushrooms are all great ways to make supplemental income. Come find out about how to make a profitable woodlot business. Free woodlot business plan support offered.

Wednesday February 7th, 7pm CCE Building

Please call ahead to let us know you are coming (607) 334-5841 ext. 12

This Program is free!



Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for Volunteers for the upcoming VITA Program this year! As a volunteer, you will interact with people who need help preparing their tax returns at no cost to them. We need volunteers to serve as Instructors, Site Coordinators, Tax Preparers, and much more.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County becomes a busy site for the VITA program, as volunteer's aid residents with their taxes, and we couldn't do it without volunteers like you! If you have any questions about how you can help give us a call!

For more information, please contact Alice Andrews at (607) 334-5841 ext. 18 or by email at ama42@cornell.edu

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Karen Adams and Louise G. Butcher in memory of Dan Vosburg
Five County Ag Charity Fund, Inc. Farm Credit East, ACA
Pearl T. Gilmour

NBT Wealth Management in Memory of Warren E Eaton
Marilyn Carley
Rachel Perry
Charles and Winifred Vigus Jr.



2018 TREE/ SHRUB PROGRAM



The Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting their annual Tree and Shrub Planting Sale again this year! The District offers several different kinds of conifer seedlings, conifer transplants, deciduous trees and shrubs and fruit bearing trees and shrubs. A variety of conservation packs including Bird & Butterfly, Edible Fruit, Evergreen and Ornamental Flowering. Edible fruits including strawberry, blueberry and apple and pear trees are also available. We also offer supplies to get your trees and shrubs the best possible start once they are in the ground.

For an order form call 607-334-8634 ext 5, stop in our office at 99 North Broad St, Norwich or visit us on the web at www.chenangoswcd.org. The order deadline is Tuesday April 3rd, 2018, and the pick up date for the orders is Friday, April 13th, 2018 at the Chenango County Fairgrounds in Norwich.

Taking orders now until April 3rd, 2018

Call for order form at (607) 334-8634 x 5

or stop by the

**Soil & Water Conservation Office,
99 N Broad St, Norwich**

Website: www.chenangoswcd.org

Pickup is Friday

April 13th 2018

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting in December!

Our Annual Meeting could not have come together without the help of all the staff here at CCE, they did a wonderful job of putting together a lunch and a beautifully decorated office! A special thank you to Senator Fred Akshar for coming to speak about his Ag in the Classroom program, and for fielding the questions of all who attended. Lastly, thank you to all who came to hear about another year with CCE Chenango!



Image one: Senator Fred Akshar with our Executive Director, Ken Smith. **Image two:** Jacki Williams, volunteer recipient and Alexis Woodcock Grow Cook Eat Coordinator. **Image three:** Staff, Cindy Gardiner and Christina Hall, prepare lunch for the Annual Meeting.

Ways to love your heart from ESNY!

Salt-free seasoning blends boost the flavor of foods with salt-free herb and spice blends. Combine ingredients and store in a tightly covered jar. Rub or sprinkle them on food for added flavor.

Mixed herb blend: Mix together ¼ cup dried parsley flakes, 2 tablespoons dried tarragon and 1 tablespoon each of dried oregano, dill weed and celery flakes.

Italian blend: Mix together 2 tablespoons each of dried basil and dried marjoram, 1 tablespoon each of garlic powder and dried oregano and 2 teaspoons each of thyme, crushed dried rosemary and crushed red pepper.

Mexican blend: Mix together ¼ cup chili powder, 1 tablespoon each of ground cumin and onion powder, 1 teaspoon each of dried oregano, garlic powder and ground red pepper and ½ teaspoon cinnamon.

I ♥ Your Heart

Take The Pledge

Less	More
Salt	Fiber
Junk Food	Exercise
Second Hand Smoke	Fish
Television	Fruits
Electronics	Veggies
Stress	Whole Grains
Stagnation	Low Fat Dairy
Saturated Fats	Nuts
Weight Gain	Legumes
Alcohol Intake	Meditation
High Fat Foods	Vitamins



SOUTHERN TIER REGION
EAT SMART NEW YORK PROGRAM

Hamburger Cabbage Skillet Dinner

Makes 4 servings

- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 2 potatoes, cooked and cubed
- 4 cups shredded or chopped cabbage
- ½ pound ground meat
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- ½ cup beef broth

1. In a large skillet, cook ground meat. Drain grease.
2. Add onion, carrots and broth, cook until vegetables are tender.
3. Add remaining ingredients, season, cover and simmer until cabbage is cooked.

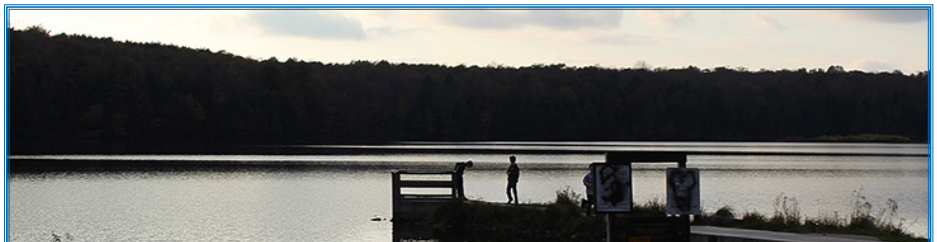
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Serving size (328g)			
Serving per container 4			
Amount per serving			
Calories	270	Calories from Fat	60
% Daily Value			
Total Fat	7g		11%
Saturated Fat	2.5g		13%
Trans Fats	0g		
Cholesterol	50mg		17%
Sodium	115mg		5%
Total Carbohydrate	31g		10%
Dietary Fiber	5g		20%
Sugars	4g		
Protein	21g		
Vitamin A	390%	Vitamin C	180%
Calcium	15%	Iron	25%
* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.			
	Calories	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300 mg	300 mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400 mg	2,400 mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Funding for this material was provided by FNS/USDA and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County. The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help to buy nutritious foods for a better diet. To find out more, contact the Food Stamp Office at (315) 435-2526 or 1-800-344-3009 or Nutrition Outreach Food Bank of CNY at (315) 437-1899. CCE in Onondaga County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Chenango County CCE would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

Here are some of our favorite moments from 2017!





Chenango County 4-H Sewing Scholarship Application

Deadline: February 1, 2018

Name: _____ Age: _____ Years in Project Area: _____

Years using a sewing machine: _____ Will you be attending sewing camp March 26-30? _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Parents Name: _____ Parents Signature: _____

Information about project:

Why would you like to sew a project this year?

What have you sewn in the past?

What would you like to create this year?

Would your project use a pattern? If so what is the pattern number and company?

What fabric type would you use for this project?

What type of notions (items other than fabric) would you need to create the project?

What challenge do you think you may have with this project?



Chenango County 4-H Livestock Scholarship Application

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____

4-H Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Are you currently involved in the 4-H Livestock Program Area? _____

If yes, how many years? _____

Which species? _____

Please rank the following breeds by preference, 1-5. 1 = most interested in, 5 = least interested

_____ Beef _____ Dairy Goat

_____ Meat Goat _____ Market Lamb

_____ Swine _____ Wool Lamb

Please answer the following questions on additional sheets of paper. We strongly encourage you to type your answers. Make sure your name is on each sheet.

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?

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY 4PM MARCH 1,2018!

Member Signature _____

Parent Signature _____



Chenango County 4-H Animal Lease Policy

Background

The Animal Science Lease Program is a state wide program that allows youth enrolled in 4-H the opportunity to lease/adopt an animal of certain species to exhibit at their county and state show. This program allows more youth the chance to get involved with animal husbandry who might not have the means to do so because they do not have the monetary funds or housing facilities. Each county is governed by the state rules but is also allowed to add additional requirements to their program as they see fit.

Chenango County Policy

- This program is for enrolled 4-H members who wish to work with and exhibit an animal but do not have the means of owning an animal.
- Youth are only allowed to lease a species of animal that they DO NOT OWN. Proof of ownership may be asked for by the 4-H Educator.
- Lease agreements are made between the farms and the youth's family. Every lease policy is different and there is no set standard on how leases are handled. It is highly recommended that there is a written agreement between both parties.
- A lease agreement DOES NOT mean the youth owns this animal. Ownership still remains with the farm that the animal has come from and at the end of the lease agreement the animal MUST return to the farm that it came from.
- Youth are allowed to lease 2 animals in each species they are leasing as per the NYS rule.
- Enrolled 4-H members will be allowed lease throughout their entire 4-H career, without time limits, providing that they lease the same animal and it's offspring year after year unless extenuating circumstances arise.
- In order to receive credit for end of the year awards and to be allowed to participate in the lease program the following year youth must do the following:
 - Exhibit animals at the Chenango County 4-H Shows at the Chenango County Fair or the Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show
 - Complete 4-H Project Records associated with each species leased
 - Youth must submit their Non-Ownership Project ID forms for each animal to the 4-H Office by June 1 of the current year. Failure to do this will result in the youth's participation in this program to be terminated immediately as per the NYS rule.

Education and learning are a valuable part of the 4-H animal science experience. Caring for and learning about a particular animal species takes time and dedication. Experience has shown that both are critical elements to educational success. Youth must be fully committed to the animal as a project while also being able to manage the time commitment responsibly. The Chenango County 4-H Program has set these standards so that the youth involved in the program can succeed and have the best possible learning experience. The parameters that are established will provide youth with the best means of balancing their commitment of time and dedication to achieve that success.





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