

CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT

FARWELL - BEST WISHES

ERICA CLARK

Natural Resource Educator, Erica Clark, enjoyed sparking curiosity in our 4-H youth. She created a wide range of programs and events designed to inspire young people and get them excited to be outdoors. This was done through a variety of programs and activities, like snowshoeing, ice fishing, kayaking, birding, hiking, outdoor cooking, robot powered boats, camping, shelter building, fishing and anything she could think of to get youth interested in being outside. Alexis Woodcock played an integral role in many of these programs as well and the two educators offered a range of programs from gardening and wilderness safety to biking and camping and everything in between. Erica also led STEM and nature programs for youth at local libraries and schools, always looking for opportunities to engage more youth and get them exploring. Erica was grateful for her time with 4-H and CCE and the opportunity to meet and work with all of our 4-H families.



ALEXIS WOODCOCK

As we bid farewell to Alexis, we reflect on the incredible contributions she has made to our extension office. Alexis has been a cornerstone of our educational and outreach programs, sharing her expertise and passion in various areas related to growing, cooking, and serving food. Alexis led engaging classes on sourdough bread making, bread and pasta 101, canning, freezing, dehydrating and so much more. Her hands-on approach and enthusiasm inspired many to explore the joys of home cooking and preserving. Through gardening classes, Alexis taught the fundamentals of growing and nurturing plants, how to do successful container gardening with limited space, and fostering a love for nature and sustainability among participants. Alexis worked closely with Head Start, providing valuable educational experiences for young children and their families. Her collaboration with the Norwich City School District further extended their impact, enriching the lives of students. She even partook in doing outdoor youth activities with a grant through the Youth Bureau. Alexis' dedication and hard work have left a legacy. We are grateful for her contributions, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.





4-H Spotlights

A LOOK THROUGH YOUR EYES



We would love to see what 4-H looks like for you!
Please send us articles and photos so that we can include you in our next edition! You don't have to be in a club, we want to include independent members too!

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

The 4-H Team held a workshop and practice session for upcoming public presentations. We asked veteran 4-H public speaker, Lily Marshman, to help get the kids started. Lily also demonstrated her up and coming speech about why almond milk is deceiving to dairy consumers. The kids practiced speaking on the spot and began brainstorming for our county competition on March 15th.



SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

Exciting things happening for the Shooting Sports program!
We are now able to add pistol training for our youth. Three of our volunteer instructors attended the training sessions earning their certification in rifle and pistol. This will be an asset to our 4-H shooting sports program because we have several youth who are ready to advance to the next level. On Sunday March 16th some of the 4-H'ers were able to try out this new portion of the program. Pistol safety, technique, and marksmanship has now been added. Thank you to the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club for all of their support! For more information about this program contact Richard - turrellr@protonmail.com



4-H EQUINE PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Members from the Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers, Ribbon Wranglers, and 4 Leaf Clovers gathered to learn and work on their presentations. It was a practice run for our horse kids before the March 15th competition. The younger 4-H'ers got a glimpse of how horse presentations differ from general ones. These kids were fantastic! We talked about topics they wanted to do, how to make posters, and practiced their speaking skills. They were all excited about their topics and eager to do theirs at the competition.



PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

We had 24 kids give presentations this year. Many of them showed tremendous growth and the judges were thrilled to see so many exciting topics and talented, confident kids this year. The 4-H'ers with the highest scores overall, are selected to compete at our district competition in April. These 4-H'ers qualified and will be going on to represent Chenango County at the District competition. Nice Job everyone!



SWINE 101

Autumn Madugno and Garrett Proskine from A-Plus Show Pigs in Norwich, NY came in on February 19th to talk with 4-H'ers about what to look for in a show pig, what equipment is needed to show pigs and the beginnings of breeding and birthing pigs. They went over different breeds and the traits they look for, as well as some deciding factors of what breeds they have now. They also talked about their facilities and what they have. They have also agreed to come back and talk with our Livestock Skill-a-thon group in April or May.



INTRO TO POULTRY SHOWING

Former Chenango County 4-H'er, Jamie Matts who is now an American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association judge gave back to the 4-H program that helped him so much. Jamie came in and talked about what judges are looking for in showmanship when 4-H'ers are talking about their birds. He also talked about breed standards and how they impact your placing even if it is a defect out of your control (frost bite). At the conclusion of the class Jamie graciously donated a breeding pair of birds that we did a drawing for and 4-H'er Emily M. received them!



4-H & SNAP-ED COLLABORATION PROGRAM

Victoria teamed up with Carol and Carrie from the SNAP-Ed team to give 4-H youth a lesson in fiber and exercise. Carol and Carrie taught about how fiber is beneficial in a balanced diet and a quick exercise activity. Then 4-H'ers moved into the hands on portion where they made tie dye coasters and cranberry oat balls. Several 4-H'ers expressed excitement over how tasty the cranberry oat balls were and how they would make them at home.



DAIRY BOWL

4-H'ers have met to go over topics related to Dairy Science preparing for the regional contest March 22nd. 4-H'ers have gone over topics like nutrition specifically rumination, AI and safe handling of semen, judging and parts of the cow and more! This year we will have a full beginner team of 4-H'ers aged 8 & 9 and a full Junior team of 4-H'ers under 13 and one Senior level 4-H'er competing.

All of the 4-H'ers did a great job at the competition that was held on Saturday March 22nd. Here are the results:

Beginner Dairy bowl Team

Chenango County - 2nd placed

Beginner Individuals

Eleanor H. - 2ndplace

Rinoa B. - 5th place

EmmaJane B. - 10th place

Junior Dairy bowl Individuals

Thomas H. - 10th

Senior Dairy bowl Team

Chenango County - 3rd place



HIPPOLOGY / HORSEBOWL

It has been a busy and awesome Hippology season starting with the kickoff in November then getting together every Friday night from January through March. These horse loving 4-H'ers have been studying for their competition on March 22nd. The kids have learned a lot this year from bones, parasites, farrier work, body parts, horse judging, and much, much more. The kids did an amazing job at the Hippology and Horsebowl competition.

Novice Hippology Team

Chenango County - 1st place

Novice Hippology Individual

Beth W. - 3rd place

Maggie L. - 4th place

Junior Horsebowl Individual

Katie F. - 6th place

Sophie R. - 7th place

Makayla C. - 8th place

Novice Horsebowl Team

Chenango County - 2nd place

Novice Horsebowl Individual

Beth W. - 4th place

Maggie L. - 5th place

Kaye W. - 6th place

Senior Hippology Team

Chemung/Chenango - 1st place

Senior Hippology Individual

Maria F. - 2nd place

Senior Horsebowl team

Chemung/Chenango - 1st place

Senior Horsebowl Individual

Maria F. - 2nd place

Junior Hippology Team

Chenango 1 - 1st place

Chenango 2 - 3rd place

Junior Hippology Individual

Makayla C. - 1st place

Sophie R. - 3rd place

Shaelyn R. - 4th place

Junior Horsebowl Team

Chenango 1 - 3rd place

Chenango 2 - 5th place





Farm Animal Word Search



(Horizontal + vertical word searches)



Words to find:

- COW
- HEN
- PIG
- SHEEP
- DUCK
- HORSE
- GOAT
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- RABBIT
- ROOSTER
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4-Hers STAYING ACTIVE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

SHOOTING SPORTS

HORSEBOWL/HIPPOLOGY

DAIRY BOWL

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

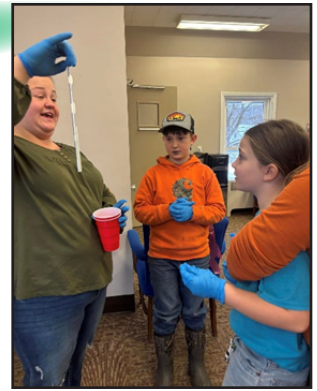
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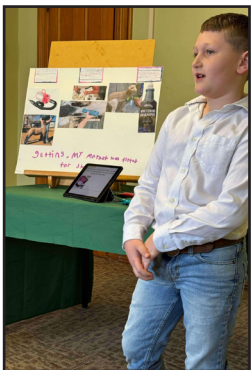
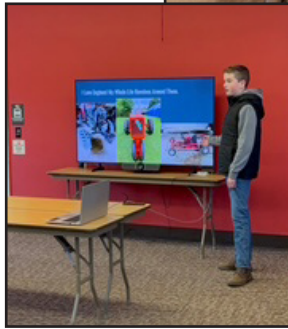
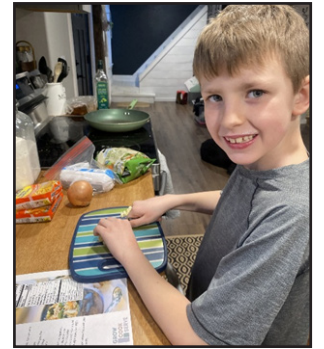
SEWING PROGRAM

ANIMAL PROJECTS

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MUCH MORE



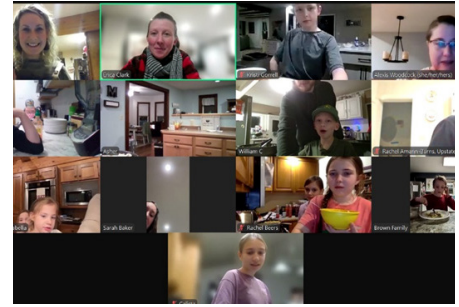


4-H MARK YOUR CALENDARS

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

April 8th, 5:15 - 6:15 - Space is limited so be sure to register!

Getting kids involved in the kitchen can be incredibly beneficial! Youth gain essential life skills, such as meal preparation, following recipes, and understanding nutrition. They learn how to measure ingredients, understand cooking times, and observe chemical reactions in cooking to enhance their math and science knowledge. Kids who help prepare meals are more likely to try new foods and develop healthier eating habits. Come join "Kids in the Kitchen" for our next class! Contact Kristi for more information: kg499@cornell.edu **Registration is on our webpage**



4-H AND YOUTH BUREAU BIRD OF PREY WALK

April 12th, Sat 9:30am to 12:00pm

Space is limited and you must be able to attend both portions of the program. Register: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/BirdingRaptorProg2025_208

Join us for a morning bird walk with the Chenango Bird Club. We have binoculars you can borrow. After the bird walk, we will learn about and meet birds of prey up-close!

This is a free program for Chenango County Youth 8 and up.

The program will begin with a bird walk at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sidney, NY. (118 River St, Sidney, NY 13838).

Following the bird walk, at 11am we will reconvene at the Bainbridge Community Center for a Birds of Prey Demonstration with the Cornell Raptor Program (5 Prospect St, Bainbridge, NY 13733).



OUTDOOR COOKING (Ages 12 +) Every second Saturday of the month April 12th, May 10th, June 14th - 10am-12pm

It appears some good weather is in our forecast so 4-H'ers get your taste buds ready for some more delicious Outdoor Cooking! Mr. Richard is breaking out the recipes and heating up the cast iron for another outdoor cooking program. This program meets the second Saturday of every month. If you are interested in joining this program or would like more information, contact Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com



SHOOTING SPORTS (Ages 9+) Typically the third Sunday of every month April 13th Due to Easter - Resume regular schedule May 18th, June 15th

The 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches youth the fundamentals of firearm safety using archery, air rifle and .22 rifles. Our newest instructors are now certified in air pistols so qualified youth will be able to add this to their experience. Please contact Richard to let him know you are coming or for more information.

Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com



INTRO TO GARDENING

May 1st - 4:00-5:30pm

Join Tina Reilly for the 4-H Garden Clean-Up Adventure! Are you ready to get your hands dirty and make a difference? Join us for a fun-filled garden clean-up with 4-H and help create a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy! By participating in the garden clean-up, you'll be helping to create a greener, cleaner space for everyone. It's a great way to give back to the community and learn about gardening and environmental stewardship. As an added bonus you will get to start your own seeds to take home. Contact Kristi: kg499@cornell.edu or Victoria: vmr39@cornell.edu to sign up!



PATRIOTIC CRAFT PROGRAM with SNAP-ED and 4-H

May 7th, 5:30-7:00pm

Are you ready to learn about healthy eating while having fun? Join us for an exciting nutrition lesson where we'll make delicious yogurt parfaits using donated Chobani yogurt! You'll get to create your own tasty parfait with red and blue fruits to celebrate Memorial Day. PLUS, we'll celebrate Memorial Day with a special craft sponsored by 4-H. For more information or to register Contact Kristi: kg499@cornell.edu or Victoria: vmr39@cornell.edu



4-H SEWING PROGRAM

Throughout the month of April, 4-H'ers will have the sewing machines buzzing as they learn to sew or hone in on their past sewing skills. Our Cloverbuds (5 to 7 yrs old) learn sewing machine safety, parts of the machine, along with completing projects they can show at the fair. Our older youth (8 to 18 yrs old) learn many new skills all building on what they have learned in previous years. For more information about this program or if you are interested in volunteering to help our youth with sewing, contact Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu



4-H FINANCIAL READINESS - BUSINESS BUDGETING

April 9th, 5:30-7:30pm *Recommended for youth with animal science projects

The business budgeting for youth taught by Visions Federal Credit Union is designed to equip youth with essential financial literacy skills, focusing on budgeting, money management, and financial decision-making in a business context. This interactive and engaging program teaches participants how to create and manage budgets, track expenses, and make smart financial choices to support business growth and personal financial success. Be sure to register for this program - https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Financial_Readiness_Series-2_208

PREPARE FOR FAIR

April 16th - Zoom meeting *Highly recommended for youth with Animal Science Projects

Join the New York State Veterinarian, Dr. Bob and his team for a class to review the veterinary health requirements for animals participating in the 2025 fairs. This session will cover necessary documentation, vaccination requirements, testing protocols, and any new regulations impacting exhibitors. A Q&A segment will be included to address specific concerns

4-H BEYOND THE RING

April 24th, 4:00pm @ Summer Wind Farm

4-H Teen Leader Emily H. will be sharing her expertise with 4-H'ers in a live demo on how to prepare for the ring. With years of experience in cattle showing, Emily and her family will guide participants through essential steps, including daily care, halter training, proper grooming techniques, and show-day preparations. The goal of this program is to help 4-H'ers gain confidence, develop strong animal-handling skills, and understand what it takes to present a well-prepared heifer in the ring. Be sure to register: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Beyond-The-Barn_208

BUG CLUB

Do you have a 4-H'er that loves the fascinating world of insects? Then you've come to the right place! As warmer weather approaches our wonderful volunteer Miss Jen will be starting up the bug club for 2025. Keep an eye out for the dates and events she will be planning with Rhonda. For more information contact Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu



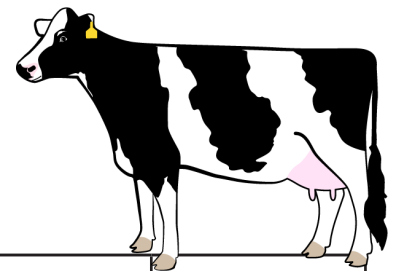
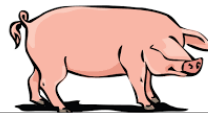
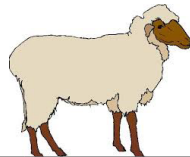


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



TURN TO OUR WEB PAGE FOR MORE 4-H EVENTS

- April 24th** - DairyOne Forage Testing Field Trip for Livestock Skill-a-thon
- April 15th or 30th** - Historical Society Collaboration- Confirmed date coming soon
- May 3rd** - Animal Crackers at Cornell
- May 13th** - Raising Beef 101 with Rich Taber
- May 17th** - Possible Farm Tour to Greener Pastures Ranch
(Owners waiting until they know it is out of mud season to confirm)
- June 1st** - Animal Ownership/Non-Ownership papers due for all animals to show
- June 14th** - Sheer Success
- June 14th** - Equine Riding Evaluations



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 4-H Cloverbud Sewing	3	4	5 NYS Horsebowl
6	7	8 4-H Kids in the Kitchen 5:15pm-6:15	9 4-H Cloverbud Sewing 4-H Business Budgeting 5:30pm-7:30pm	10	11	12 Outdoor Cooking 10am Birds of Prey Walk 930am
13 Shooting Sports 1pm	14	15	16 4-H Cloverbud Sewing Prepare for the Fair zoom	17	18 Dairy Discovery	19 4-H District Presentations Trip 18th - 19th
20	4-H Learn to Sew Program			24 4-H Beyond the Ring 4:00pm	25	26
27	28	29	30 Stain Glass Workshop			

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				1 4-H Garden Clean-up 3:30-5:00pm	2 STARR 4-H	3 Animal Crackers Trip 2nd - 4th
4	5	6	7 4-H Patriotic Pride 5:30pm	8	9	10 Outdoor Cooking 10:00-12:00pm
11	12	13 Raising Beef 101 5:30-7:00pm	14	15	16	17
18 Shooting Sports 1:00pm Capitol Days Trip 18th - 20th	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Livestock Skill-a-thon Competition	31
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 4-H Outdoor Cooking Riding Evals. Sheer Success
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If you have any questions about the events in this calendar, please contact Krisit at: kg499@cornell.edu

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Norwich, NY 13815



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4-H AROUND THE WORLD

2025 Chenango County 4-H Fair Theme
“4-H AROUND THE WORLD”
August 5th-10th, 2025

Celebrate your heritage, your animal’s heritage or
4-H in a country you love!

Don’t forget to enter the decoration contest!



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**Miss Kristi, Miss Victoria, and Miss Rhonda
will continue to work hard keeping ideas
coming your way, so send photos, we
would love to know what you are up to!
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