

CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT

WELCOME VICTORIA RYAN

Victoria Ryan



We are proud to introduce Victoria Ryan as our new 4-H Animal Science and Agriculture Educator. Victoria grew up in 4-H right here in Chenango County showing dairy cattle. Prior to moving to NY, she was a part of 4-H in Pennsylvania. While in 4-H in NY, she was a part of NYS Junior Dairy Leaders, 4-H Dairy Bowl, Dairy Judging, and 4-H Public Presentations. Since aging out of 4-H, she attended SUNY Morrisville and graduated with a BBS in Agricultural Business Management and has worked a variety of different jobs all being agriculture related. In her free time, you will find her with her husband, Thomas and daughter, Harper or helping out on her family's farm. Victoria and her family have a dairy farm that has expanded into a 9-acre corn maze and pumpkin patch open weekends in the fall. Victoria is excited to be back in the program she grew up in. We are happy to have her as part of our team. Welcome Victoria Ryan!



Shealyn Otto

My name is Shealyn Otto and I'm so excited to join the team as the new Ag in the Classroom Educator! I grew up in the farmlands of western New York where some of my favorite childhood memories are learning to milk cows and volunteering as a strawberry picker at a local farm. My love of agriculture was fostered by my homeschooling mother who encouraged me in all my horticultural pursuits. Ultimately, I decided that the way I would make the most impact on my life would be through agriculture.

I graduated in 2022 from Cornell University with a degree in Plant Sciences, concentrating on the intersects between conservation, ecology, and agriculture. I then spent a year working for ECHO, an organization doing international agricultural development. There I participated in a farm internship and an ag development certification program, learning many regenerative agricultural techniques and community development strategies.

Throughout my education, I have realized that my true passion is community outreach and education, especially that of children. My goals are to highlight the importance of small-scale and community supported agriculture and provide ag resources for people of all ages and backgrounds.

When not working, you'll find me playing Beethoven on the piano, eating ice cream, or looking for mushrooms, birds, and interesting plants! Shealyn joins our team with tons of experience and enthusiasm. Please help us give her a warm welcome to CCE Chenango!



4-H Spotlights



ATTENTION 4-H'ers!

Don't forget to get your

4-H re-enrollment sent in!

This has to happen every year, not just 4-H'ers but volunteers too!

Anyone can share their 4-H stories with us, so be sure to get your photos and stories in to us. We'd love to put you in the newsletter!

Send your stuff to Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu



JOLLY RANCHERS

The Jolly Ranchers 4-H Club gathered on Monday night, Dec. 11th to decorate gingerbread houses. Club leader Ann had all the houses made and ready to go so the kids could use their creative skill to frost and make fancy. It looks like they turned out pretty nice. Great job kids!

HIDDEN PONDS HORSE LOVERS

We did our annual Christmas shopping trip at Walmart yesterday. Club members selected 4 names off the giving tree and we also bought items for the Office for the aging.

RIBBON WRANGLERS

On November 1st the ribbon wranglers got together and created peanut butter and seed bird feeders. Each member picked out a few pine cones and tied string onto the pine cone. Then they coated the pine cones in peanut butter and rolled in seeds. We also didn't want to see any pumpkins going to waste so we created pumpkin bird feeders. The kids loved pulling out all the pumpkin guts and seeds. We saved the seeds and then added bird seed.

CURIOUS KIDS

The Curious Kids 4-H club hosted the Annual Leaders and Volunteers Association, Christmas Tea. This event is held to thank the leaders and volunteers for all that they do throughout the year. A highlight of the event is the auction. The Association uses this as a yearly fundraiser. The club did an amazing job and they had some pretty great auctioneers!

THANK YOU CURIOUS KIDS!

CORN MAZE KIDS

So proud of two of our corn maze kids 4-H'ers getting out of the comfort zone with dog training/sports! Grace and Addie did so amazing today learning and applying knowledge they are learning with their two pups!! A huge thank you to the NY state Dog 4-H program for putting this on and all the presenters! And thank you Senator Oberacker for hosting at his facility! In November the club made wreaths to sell as a fundraiser, all while learning different types of evergreens.

FUN NIGHT

4-H'ers went to Valley View Manor and spent time with the residents. We painted pumpkins, did leaf rubbings and 4-H'ers served apple cider! We enjoyed our visit. Another fun night activity was a trip to the corn maze at the Peila farm. Lots of fun going through the maze, playing in the corn pit, riding in the cow wagon, and a whole lot more.



SHOOTING SPORTS (ages 9 +)

This program concentrates on teaching and learning about firearm safety and marksmanship. Our program incorporates archery, air rifles and .22 caliber rifles. It is great to see these youth progress in their skills. We reached 31 youth last year. Shooting sports meets once a month throughout the 4-H year. Now that the weather has turned cold we will be working inside at the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club.

HIPPOLOGY KICKOFF

Great group of 4-H'ers turned out for the Hippology kickoff! Everyone had a good time and the bad weather stayed away until we were almost done. We covered different types of saddles, bridles, and checked out horse conformation. Thank you Janson Family for hosting our gathering!

OUTDOOR COOKING (Second Sat. every month)

The outdoor cooking 4-H'ers are becoming excellent cooks in the great outdoors. In November members prepared cornish game hens, crispy potatoes with mushroom gravy followed by a graham cracker crust cheese cake. Food was delicious. All the food is prepared using cast iron and charcoal.

It was a warm day for the Outdoor Cooking program in December. Our menu was venison meatloaf, drop biscuits, and bread pudding. The bread pudding was not a hit. Everything else was delicious.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

4-H'ers were busy in the kitchen! They made guacamole and fresh salsa for the taco bar. After our group dinner, they decorated gingerbread houses and made ornaments! Lots of fun and many sweets!

Thank you to Grow Cook Serve for making our 4-H Kids in the Kitchen program possible. A BIG THANK YOU to Alexis and Brandon Woodcock for cooking with the kids, they had a fun night!!!!

FUN COLLABORATION

The Norwich Parade of Lights was a success with our Chenango County Community Collaboration Float 'Hectic Holidays!'

We greatly enjoyed working with Chenango County Historical Society and Museum, Chenango County Area Agency on Aging, and Hidden Ponds Horse Lover's 4-H Club!!



4-H Public Presentations & Horse Communications Public Speaking: It's for You!

The Public Presentation Program is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the one most often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers. It provides a unique opportunity to develop a positive self-concept and poise, gain self-confidence before a group, learn to express ideas clearly, respond spontaneously to questions, and gain subject matter knowledge. Through a progressive series of communication activities, youth learn to express themselves and their ideas.

GENERAL TOPIC:

Demonstration: This type of presentation requires you to talk while working on something. It can be cooking, sewing, building, etc.

Illustrated Talk: This is slightly more formal, using a poster or technology to help you relay your message.

Speech: This is for the more experienced speaker, you do not use posters or technology to get your point across.

Dramatization/Recitation: A fun, confidence building experience -- it is like acting only with out props.

EQUINE:

Speech: Subject must pertain to the horse industry, or be horse-related, and be original and factual. Visual aids of any kind are not allowed (posters, items, equipment, etc.).

Individual presentation: Subject must pertain to the horse industry, or be horse related, and be original and factual. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk.

Team presentation: Subject must pertain to the horse industry, or be horse related, and be original and factual. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk and requires two 4-H'ers presenting content equally.

Keep an eye out for
all the possibilities!
Check out all that 4-H
has to offer!



TEEN COUNCIL

SHOOTING SPORTS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

PRESENTATIONS

OUTDOOR COOKING

HORSE BOWL/ HIPPOLOGY

DAIRYBOWL

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

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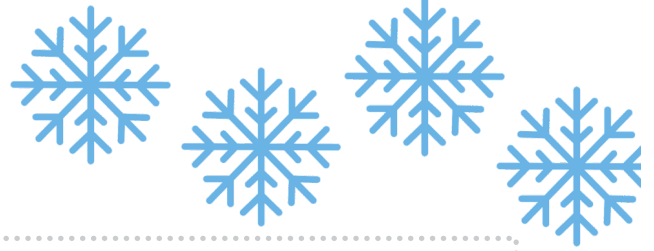
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4-H'ERS MARK YOUR CLENDARS!



SHOOTING SPORTS (ages 9 +) Please let him know if you are coming.

Shooting Sports has moved to the indoor range now that the weather has turned cold. The third Sunday of the month. Our instructors concentrate on teaching firearm safety and marksmanship. We meet once a month at the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club. If you would like to join our program contact Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com Please note Mr Richard's email has changed so be sure to check your junk mail for updates.



4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURE (Information contact Erica: elc97@cornell.edu)

Dec. 28th, Thursday 4-H Holiday Hike! 10:00am to 1:00pm. Come explore the outdoors with other 4-H'ers! Location to be announced soon. Limited transportation available from CCE.

Jan 20th, Sat. 4-H & Youth Bureau. Cross Country Skiing 10am to 11:30am, at Friends of Rogers. Intro to XC skiing. Skis/boots available at Rogers. If there's no snow we will pick a trail to explore!



Jan 27th, Sat. 9am to 11:30am Ice Fishing Location TBD. Come learn about ice fishing and go fish! Warm up by the campfire and cook a hot dog! We have the gear and equipment for you to use. Youth 16 and up will need a fishing license.



Feb 6th, Tues. Snowshoeing 4pm to 5:30pm 4-H & Youth Bureau at Cook Park in Greene. We have snowshoes for you to borrow! Come learn how to snowshoe and have fun! Limited transportation available from our CCE office.

OUTDOOR COOKING (Second Sat. every month)

No matter the weather 4-H'ers gather to try their hand at cooking outdoors, yes even when it's snowing outside. This program gives 4-H'ers a chance to cook using cast iron over charcoal. Great opportunity for these cooks to experiment with recipes. This program is for 4-H'ers ages 12+, if you are interested in joining the Outdoor Cooking Program contact: Richard at turrellr@protonmail.com Please note the email change.



4-H AFTER-SCHOOL

4-H After-school is a mix of STEM and nature activities, with hands-on components.

Jan 3rd, Wed. 4-H Afterschool at Friends of Rogers, in Sherburne. First Wed. each month, 4pm to 5:00pm. Next program Youth 8 and up can join without a parent.

Jan 17th, third Wednesday of each month. New Berlin Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm. for all aged youth.

Jan. 22nd, Fourth Monday each month. Sherburne Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm. for youth 8 and up.



Dairy Bowl - Jan. 13th - Mar. 16th

Calling all dairy enthusiasts or anyone wanting to learn about dairy science! Prior experience is not required!

Come join us for our dairy bowl practice sessions 1-3pm on Saturdays starting January 13th. Practices are open to all 4-Hers and cloverbuds. Lessons will be fun hands on with a variety of topics including nutrition, vaccinations, and more!

Email Victoria to register: vmr39@cornell.edu


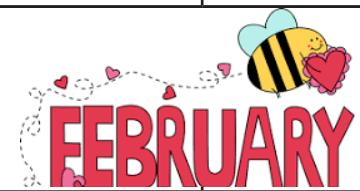


HIPPOLOGY - Jan. 5th -Mar. 8th

We started our year off with a Hippology kickoff at the Janson farm, learning different types of saddles, bridles, and checked out her horses' conformation.

Come join the fun as we begin another year of Hippology and horsebowl! We will meet every Friday night at the CCE building from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. We are hoping for some fun field trips, guest speakers, hands-on and all around horse crazy fun learning all we can about horses. Hippology/Horsebowl is open to all 4-H'ers, cloverbuds included. For more information contact Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu



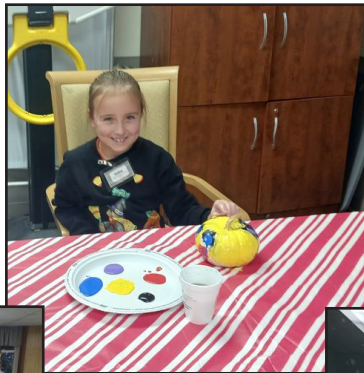
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If you have any questions about the events in this calendar, please contact the office.

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**Miss Erica, Miss Victoria, and Miss Kristi will continue to work hard keeping ideas coming your way, so send photos, we would love to know what you are up to!
Send pictures to Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu**