CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT



4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ~ CONGRATULATIONS!

Each year the Chenango County Leaders & Volunteers Association awards 4-H scholarships to deserving 4-H'ers that have been in 4-H for at least two years prior to their graduation and exemplify the true spirit of 4-H.

This years winner of the Leaders/Volunteers Associations scholarship is **AMON VANALST**. Amon has grown up in 4-H and has taken every opportunity to experience all aspects of 4-H, including: showing animals, public presentations, domestic arts, outdoor cooking, Capitol Days, Teen Council, mentoring younger youth, and many hours of community service. Amon has also challenged himself by not only taking the most rigorous classes at school but has also been very active in various school activities: track & field, swimming, cross country, FFA, robotics, owns his own sheep shearing business, and is a lifeguard at the Kurt Beyer pool.

Something Amon stated in his application letter was so insightful that it needed to be shared: "I live by both the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better" and the FFA motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." As I strive to uphold the 4-H and FFA mottos, I want to provide hands on education for the public to show them that their food doesn't come in packages at the store but rather from their local farmers where fresh unprocessed unadulterated food comes from, the farm to table." All of his experiences have helped to shape him into the deserving young man that will accomplish great things in his future endeavors at Kentucky State.



PHALEN HILL is the runner up for this scholarship. Phalen has been active in 4-H for a number of years focusing on dairy and helping to mentor the younger 4-H'ers in her club. Some of Phalen's experiences, achievements, and contributions that she has made to her school, family, club, and community include community service for her school volunteering at the senior citizen's dinner and veteran's breakfast, working and helping at the UVCS family fun run, bottle drives for both FFA and the schools soccer team, and helping to tutor middle school kids after school. One thing that stood out in her application was the importance of mentoring younger youth and being a good role model.

Her experiences with helping others is one reason she is choosing to go to Marywood University for nursing hoping to focus on pediatrics. She will do well as she starts her nursing degree. Phalen will also be recieving a 4-H Dairy Scholarship.





4-H Spotlights

EVERYONE GET EXCITED!

We are ramping up for the Chenango County fair. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H staff.



Send your articles and pictures to Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu

RIBBON WRANGLERS

Ribbon Wranglers have been busy. The club hosted a great Open Farm Day event. The club members educated the public on animal husbandry, nutrition, and more. There were kid activities, like painting a pet rock and digging potatoes and baby goats to feed and pet, as well as face painting and a bake sale. Thank you for hosting such a fun event and opening it up to everyone! They also had the Diary Ambassadors, a Girl Scout Troop, & other local industries come out for support. This busy club also came together to represent Chenango County 4-H in the New Berlin Memorial Day Parade. The kids were treated to ice cream sundaes while working hard to decorate their float. Special guest "Sprinkles" the goat joined them for the ride through town. On June 23rd the Ribbon Wranglers club along with some friends in the Jolly Ranchers club toured the RTG Longhorn farm. We learned so much about the breed and saw just how docile they are!



The members from the Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers have been doing some community service. These girls put together flowerpots as a service project and gave them away to others to enjoy. The went to the elderly, a local firehouse, and a park.

FUSION

The 4-H Fusion kids met to create succulent gardens. The youth began with a wood box they lined with fabric, added rocks for drainage, filled the box with soil, and then began planting. We talked about why succulents are drought resistant and the kids each got to decorate their boxes with woodland miniatures. The kids were encouraged to submit this 4-H project for the fair. Reach out with questions to Kristi or Erica at kg499@cornell.edu or elc97@cornell.edu

NEW KIDS IN SCHOOL FOR AG IN THE CLASSROOM

One of our May "Ag in the Classroom" lessons featured two baby goats. These first-grade students from our newest school partner, Unadilla Valley, had some special visitors last month. The lesson touched on a dairy goat's diet, the housing requirements, and the products we enjoy that come from goats. The best part of the lesson was getting to pet the goats and feed them hay.

4-H ANIMAL CRACKERS AT CORNELL

4-H'ers had a great time at the Animal Crackers program at Cornell. The program this year focused on swine, beef cows, dogs, and horses. 4-H'ers learned how to show pigs and took a try at getting the pigs to move where they wanted them to. They also learned about basic animal first aid and general animal care, about horseshoes & their importance, and wrapped up their workshops by learning how to keep cows healthy. They also got to watch competitive dogs in action. It was a wonderful event and all who attended learned something new.













CONGRATULATIONS!

EMILEE BENNETT is another one of our graduating 4-H seniors. She has been in 4-H for 10 years participating in a variety of things 4-H has to offer. She has been a member of the Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers and their president for the last few years. Emilee has enjoyed doing arts & crafts projects showing them at County fair along with the horse shows, dairy goats, rabbits, dairy cows, equine presentations, Horse Bowl, Hippology, and many community service projects. She has competed at the state level for equine presentations, Horse Bowl and Hippology. Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes in all your future endeavors!

BRAYDEN SMITH has only been in 4-H for a few years but has been a wonderful addition to our program. He has participated in teen council, shearing and showing sheep, robotics, skateboarding, and biking. During fair week you can count on Brayden to lend a hand to younger 4-H'ers and always eager to help out in Chapman Hall or with anything anyone needs. If you don't know which young man walking around the fairgrounds is Brayden, just look for the tallest guy with a big smile lending a hand, that's him! Brayden will be attending RIT next year with a major in Mechatronics. We hope you have an awesome first year! Congratulations!





NYS 4-H HORSE COMMUNICATION COMPETITION

On May 18th, our youth attended the NYS Horse Communication Competition. Chenango County had three 4-H'ers qualify for this competition. These young ladies did a super job representing the county and we are very proud of them for a job well done! Abigail M. received second place while Shaelan R. received 9th place, and Makayla C. brought home 10th place. All these young ladies did wonderful!







Bug Club

Bug Club began this year's series with a movie and popcorn night. Youth watched the movie A Bug's Life and compared the movie with real insects and insect adaptations. The second session was focused on insect information, facts & how to preserve insects. 4-H'ers also practiced sweep netting for insects. Our 3rd session was held at the Chenango County Historical Society and Museum. We used their pavilion and yard to pin insects and look for more insects! Our session included pinning insects, identifying them, & starting insect collections. 4-H'ers did a great job being careful to pin their insects in the correct place, as to not damage or break the insect. Entomologist, Jen C., is our incredible volunteer who shares her passion for insects and enjoys teaching our 4-H'ers. A BIG THANK YOU TO JEN for making this whole insect program possible!





3-D PRINTING

Patrick Ryan, a 4-H dad, reached out to see if 4-H would be interested in a 3-D printer and a 3-D printing class. We developed a 3-part series for 4-H'ers. Patrick and his son Colton helped teach the class. Patrick and his kids, Colton, Shaelan, Sophie graciously donated a 3-D printer to 4-H!



In our 3-D printing series, 4-H'ers learned about 3-D printing, filament and different printers, as well as real world applications of 3-D printing. They also learned about the whole process, from designing something and then slicing it into a file that 3-D printers can read and then having the printer print it. The final session included a special guest, Andrew Smith, from Colgate University. Andrew let 4-H borrow 3-D printers and brought the school's 3-D scanner to show the kids. 4-H'ers learned about 3-D scanners and scanned various objects and people! We are still in the process of printing.



4-H NEWS



4-H BIRDING

4-H Birding with Chenango Bird Club (CBC) along the Greenway Trail in Norwich. We joined the CBC for an evening of birding, ID birds and had fun exploring the trail! As a group we heard or saw 14 birds! Some of the highlights were Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, Song Sparrow, American Redstart and the Yellow Warbler. We used Cornell's Merlin Bird app to help us learn bird calls & follow along with the seasoned birders. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we were not completely eaten alive by mosquitos.



CHENANGO COUNTY EQUINE CLINIC AND 4-H EVALUATIONS

We held our Equine Clinic and Evaluations on June 15th. There was a big turnout of 22 4-H'ers/ Cloverbuds and even more horses. Heather Whitten was our clinician sharing her expertise in all things horse. Heather covered showmanship, and equitation, for English and Western riders. She also advised on doing barrels, jumping, and driving. It was a fun and educational day! We even had two of our Hippology kids join us and said they learned a lot by just being able to watch. All in all, it was a truly beneficial day that parents asked if we could offer more of these clinics.



CHENANGO 4-H AND THE CHENANGO COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

Chenango 4-H and The Chenango County Youth Bureau team up to bring youth outdoor programs in 2024! We held 2 winter programs and kicked off the spring with 2 sessions of compass and maps. For our second compass & map session we met with the County Planning Dept. We explored the Greenway Trails in Norwich, below the Stone Quarry. Youth used their compass skills to navigate the trails and map their route. We all enjoyed the woods and the beautiful places along the trail. Thank you to Allison and Matt, from the planning dept. for the map lesson and showing us around the trails!



Our most recent program included a river kayaking trip on the Chenango River. We paddled about 3.5 miles through a mix of calm water and small rapids. Youth worked on their paddling skills, while navigating downed trees and rocks. We were fortunate to view a mix of wildlife, like the bald eagle and many merganser chicks! Everyone made new memories while enjoying the adventure and changing landscapes as we paddled through.



SHOOTING SPORTS

Chenango County 4-H Shooting Sports moved to the outdoor range in May. Our instructors continue to emphasize firearm safety and shooting fundamentals. We have added dueling trees in both air rifles and .22's Being outdoors we can also use the long-distance range. They are currently learning to shoot 100-yard targets with open sights. Archery is also adding distance to the practice. Our members are developing proficiency at 60 feet distance. Soon we will be adding the 90 feet line. Thank you to Rockdale Rod and Gun Club for their continued support. Shooting Sports is for youth ages 9+ and meets on the third Sunday of the Month. For more information contact Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com



EXCITING CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR ADDITIONS

We are excited to announce two new fair categories for 2024. The first will be the addition of our first-ever dog show! The show will cover handling basics, tricks, and more. Youth are encouraged to participate in our dog preparation clinic held in July. The second is a tractor show, featuring a wide range of youth agricultural mechanic projects. Kids can enter tractor projects ranging from beginner level up to advanced. Both events will be held at the start of the fair on Tuesday. See the fair book for more information.



OUTDOOR COOKING PROGRAM

4-H Outdoor Cooking Program 4-H'ers have had a great time learning how to cook on charcoal using cast iron pans. During cold rainy days, they do have to do some prep work inside, but all the cooking is done outside no matter the weather.

The weather was great for May's Outdoor Cooking, and it is always fun to see just what these kids create. This time around they prepared beef and biscuits with what were supposed to be blueberry cheesecake egg rolls. Everything tasted good but the egg rolls looked more like sea slugs. That was a great lesson! These kids have learned how to create great food from scratch over an open fire but more importantly how to improvise and change recipes depending on how they deem fit. They are always challenged to create everything, even the spices that they use. They then come up with their own tasty recipes to demonstrate at the Chenango County Fair.





CAPITOL DAYS

Sarina Bell and Skyler Graham were selected as the 2024 4-H Delegates representing Chenango County at Capital Days. This annual trip gives youth a glimpse into NY State policy processes, teaches them the connection between local and state government, and highlights all the many career opportunities in public service. Sarina and Skyler got to interview Assemblyman Joe Angelino and were able to tour the Capital Building and check out the NYS Museum. The pair had a chance to make new 4-H friends from all over the state. Congratulations ladies!



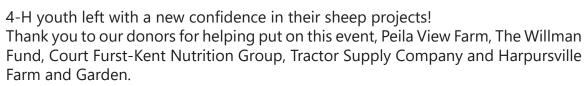
4-H KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

4-H Kids in the Kitchen had their final cooking event for the season. They made chili mac with a variety of veggies and seasonings! They all practiced their cutting skills, by dicing, chopping and rough chopping the peppers and onion. We will offer this program again in the fall. Thank you to Grow Cook Serve for making this cooking program possible!!



SHEEP SHOWING AND FITTING CLINIC

We had a great day on Saturday at the Shear Success Sheep Showing and Fitting Clinic! The clinic brought together a group of 18 young people from across 4 different counties. Throughout the clinic, attendees were encouraged to learn hands on with their projects. Skills like fitting, showmanship tips, marketing and nutrition were covered.







FAIR HELP AT CHAPMAN HALL FOOD BOOTH

As 4-H gets ready for the County Fair so are the folks running Chapman Hall. The Leaders Association has planned a few new things for the menu this year. They will have daily meals deals for breakfast and lunch. They are reaching out looking for **volunteers** to help staff the running of the food booth.

Kids, if you have a free hour or two after your animal shows and would like to help out in Chapman Hall selling popcorn and snowcones, please contact Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com or Rhonda: rlt236@cornell.edu

Chapman Hall is also taking donations to help with the rising cost of food items. If you would like to donate something please contact Richard. Monetary donations are appreciated. The money raised at Chapman Hall will go back to 4-H'ers in helping to support National Trips, 4-H Career Trips, Regional Camps, yearly scholarships, and much more.

**4-H MEAL TICKETS will be available this year! You will be able to pick those up at the CCE office starting July 10th or at Chapman Hall during the fair. Cost to be determined.

Keep an eye out for all the possiblilities!

Check out all that 4-H has to offer!

SHOOTING SPORTS
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
PRESENTATIONS

HORSE BOWL/ HIPPOLOGY

OUTDOOR COOKING

DAIRYBOWL

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY CLUBS

FUSION

CRAFT CAMPS

SEWING CAMP

COMMUNITY SERVICE

TEEN COUNCIL

























4-H CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR IS COMING QUICKLY! GET YOUR PROJECTS READY AND YOUR VET CHECKS COMPLETED!

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR CASE BUILDING TIME SLOTS.
REMEMBER TO GO TO FAIR ENTRY ON LINE TO ENTER YOUR PROJECT AREAS AND GET A
PAPER COPY TO THE OFFICE FOR YOUR CASE BUILDING PROJECTS TOO.

It's time to get your 4-H non-animal projects submitted! Please sign-up for an evaluation time slot below by July 15!

Judging takes place:

August 3rd, 10:00-1:00 for non-perishable items (most exhibits & crafts) and **August 5th, 4:00-7:00** for all perishable items (most food & garden items).

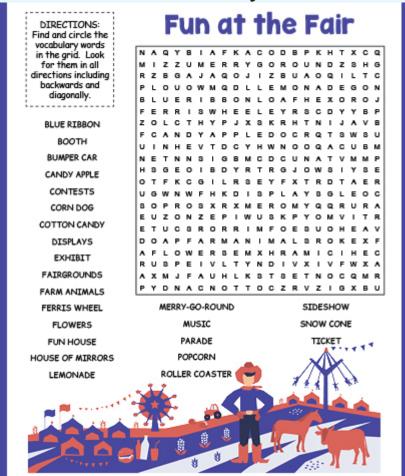
Email us with questions!

https://ccechenango.org/.../case-building-project...

DECORATION CONTEST

Get in the spirit of the fair with the decorating contest. You can decorate your club booth, or in your animal exhibit areas. Just remember animals love to chew so be careful about what you put with your critters!

Entries are due July 15th.







MARK YOUR 4-H CALENDAR

4-H NORWICH AIRPORT TOUR JULY 1ST 4PM TO 5PM

Join other 4-Hers on this private tour of The Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport, in Norwich! We will get to check out the airport and learn how it operates. The Chenango County Planning Dept. will lead this tour for us. We will end with a paper airplane contest! Bring one ready to launch, or make one there. Open to all aged 4-Hers (5-19).

Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Airport_208



4-H FIRST AID HIKE AT FRIENDS OF ROGERS JULY 3RD, 4PM TO 5:30PM.

This program will cover 1st aid basics while we hike! We will explore different parts of the property & habitats and each month will have a new focus. Youth 8 and up can join without a parent. Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HRogers_208



4-H Babysitting Course JULY 8TH 9AM TO 4PM at CCE Building in Norwich

This program is for 4-H'ers 11 and up. The course material is aimed at youth 11 to 15. Participants will learn basic childcare skills and safety practices, including first aid, with an American Red Cross Instructor. The cost has been reduced to \$50 per youth, thanks to Tractor Supply Co. funds. Space is limited. Payment can be made via PayPal or check written out CCE Chenango. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN FRIDAY June 7th. Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Babysitting_208



LIVESTOCK MARKET PROGRAM MEETING

Our Livestock Market Auction Youth met for the first time on June 11th. They worked on being a advocate for their industry and learning the power and value of that. The first step to marketing your animal is knowing how to advocate for your industry. Meetings to come are the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training on July 13th and Marketing Your Stock on July 16th.



DOG SHOW CLINIC

4-H Prepare for Fair Dog Show Clinic! July 14th, 3:30 to 4:30pm at Peila View Farm in Oxford. Join us for an exciting and informative Dog Show Clinic designed to help both novice and experienced dog owners prepare their furry friends for the spotlight. This clinic offers insights and tips to enhance your dog's performance in the ring and prepare us for our FIRST dog show at county fair in August. Learn grooming techniques, handling techniques, ring etiquette, and more! Pre-Registration Required!

Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PrepareForFairDogs_208



NYS 4-H HIPPOLOGY COMPETITION:

We had five 4-H'ers qualify to compete at the NYS Hippology Competition this year. Rhonda will be meeting with these 4-H'ers in July to review the materials they need for this contest. With a heavy emphasis on judging, we will need to work hard to ensure that they are prepared for the contest. This is a tough competition with a written test, ID stations, horse judging, team problem, often a one on one station. The girls will not know what topics will be covered until they get there. The competition will be held at the New York State Fair on August 25th.



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

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COOPERSTOWN JR LIVESTOCK SHOW JULY 7TH-9TH

The Junior Livestock Show, a summer tradition in Central New York. Celebrating its 76th season, the event is a salute to youth in agriculture as it tests the skills of young handlers ages eight to eighteen who present animals (dairy cows, beef, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, and sheep of various breeds) that they own, care for, and have prepared for competition. Since 1947, The Farmers' Museum has collaborated with the Cooperative Extension's 4-H program to produce the show. It is conducted in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension County 4-H educators and clubs throughout Central New York.

OUTDOOR COOKING (ages 12 +) (Second Sat. every month)

4-H Outdoor Cooking continues to find culinary delights to cook in their Dutch Ovens over charcoal. These 4-H'ers will be showing off their culinary skills at the Chenango County Fair in August so be sure to swing by the fair on Saturday, Aug. 10th, to see what these talented kids have created. They always share their yummy samples! If you are interested in joining outdoor cooking or for more information contact Richard: turrellr@protonmail.com



4-H KIDS IN THE GARDEN SERIES

July 9th will be a field trip for those who have attended previous garden sessions. July 9th we'll meet from 2pm to 5pm.

Register at: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Kidsingarden_208

A-H Gardening!

FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN UP AND PEN SET UP: JULY 22ND

As the Chenango County Fair approaches preparations need to take place. Many hands make light work so it is important that people come and help out with cleaning up the fairgrounds and helping set all of the pens up for the animals that will arrive for the fair. Contact Victoria if you are willing to help out: vmr39@cornell.edu

ANNUAL 4-H CAMPING TRIP!! July 23-25 at Gilbert Lake State Park

Learn how to tent camp, make new friends, swim, cook over campfires, play games, explore the park and more! 4-H'ers 10 and up can attend without an adult. The cost is \$15 per youth or \$30 per family. The cost will help offset food and supplies for our trip. Drop off is at 2:30pm on July 23rd and pickup is at 10am on July 25th. Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Campout_208



SAVE THE DATE:

4-H Water Safari Trip! August 1st, 2024

We will offer limited transportation from our CCE building in Norwich to Water Safari. Details & registration coming soon!





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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!

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