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## CHENANGO COUNTY CELEBRATES RURAL HERITAGE WITH 2ND ANNUAL OPEN FARM DAY

CHENANGO COUNTY, NY — Area residents and visitors are invited to step behind the scenes of local agriculture during the 2nd Annual Chenango County Open Farm Day. Hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, the event will take place on Saturday, July 18th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Participating farms, agricultural businesses, and historical institutions across the region will open their gates to the public for a day of free, self-guided tours, interactive demonstrations, and family-friendly activities.

Organized to bridge the gap between consumers and local producers, Open Farm Day shines a spotlight on the diverse agricultural landscape of the region. This year's driving tour features specialized livestock operations like Ryan's Yak Farm alongside traditional crop and livestock homesteads such as Berry Brae Farm, Penwingle Farm, and Fox Trail Farm. Visitors looking for unique regional goods can also explore artisanal production stops, including the fragrant fields of Hillcrest Lavender Farm, the active hives at Kutiks' Honey Bees, and the wood-fired sugarhouse at Cooks' Maple.

Educational and environmental discovery takes center stage at the Rogers Environmental Education Center. Families can make a dedicated stop to explore active pollinator gardens and participate in hands-on conservation programs that connect local wildlife ecosystems to working agriculture.

The economic and cultural impact of the industry is highlighted by the inclusion of global dairy innovator Chobani and the Chenango County Farm Bureau. Their presence underscores the power of large-scale production and regional agricultural advocacy in the Upstate New York community. Additionally, visitors can immerse themselves in area heritage at the Chenango County Historical Society & Museum and learn about the logistical supply networks that move food from fields to shelves with Mid York Distributors LLC.

A major anchor of this year's tour is the Chenango County Dairy Day festival hub. This central location serves as a collaborative showcase bringing together numerous regional operations in a single stop. Visitors at Dairy Day can meet the official Dairy Ambassadors, engage with standout local producers like Schmidt's Scattered Maples and Fairchild Family Farms, and explore sustainable farm technology through the Cornell Energy Program and CCE Chenango. The next generation of regional farming will also be on full display at the festival hub. Chenango County 4-H will host interactive youth activities, agricultural project displays, and leadership skill showcases throughout the day.

Admission to all locations is entirely free, making it an accessible day of discovery for everyone. For a full list of host locations, interactive maps, and to plan your custom driving route, visit the official event page online.



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## EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (EFNEP)

EFNEP wrapped up youth programming in Afton Central School District and the Children’s Home of the Wyoming Conference using the Choose Health: Food, Fun, Fitness curriculum. Participants prepared simple recipes like Breakfast Banana Splits, English Muffin Pizzas, smoothies, and hummus while practicing kitchen safety. One group concluded with a MyPlate relay at Weiler Park, reinforcing teamwork and balanced meals. As a result, the Children’s Home and The Place committed to continued summer programming, and Unadilla Valley CSD committed to fall programming.

Educator Mary Close completed training in two new curricula—Cooking with Kids and Pregnant and Infant Feeding—expanding existing offerings. Chenango CCE was selected to pilot combined parent-child programming. Summer classes (ESBA and Cooking with Kids) will be offered in Norwich and Greene, with ESBA also available via Zoom. Programs run 6–9 weeks and include a Cornell certificate. Registration is ongoing.

Enrollment among parents and young adults remains low despite upcoming programming with DCMO BOCES. Outreach continues through community partners, events, and food pantries. Key barriers include limited incentives and costs for event participation, though virtual options may improve access.

A notable success involved EFNEP and Care Compass securing a refrigerator for a family of six, improving food safety and supporting healthier habits. The family also reduced sugary drink intake by 25%, saving about \$100 per month.



## SOCIAL CARE HIGHLIGHTS

We have reached an important milestone of serving 50 clients each month, providing support in areas such as food, housing, transportation, education, and employment.

Each client is screened and approved according to Medicaid and New York State Health Equity Reform guidelines. Based on individual needs, clients may be referred for enhanced services or connected with appropriate state, federal, and local resources. Collaboration among agencies and nonprofit organizations has been highly rewarding, and I continue to learn something new about the program every day. As awareness of the program grows, more individuals are reaching out directly for assistance, rather than relying on outreach events to connect with services.

We have also recently expanded the program to include Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) items. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) can now provide eligible clients with essential household items such as refrigerators, microwaves, and kitchenware. Through this addition, we have been able to support 20 more clients.

This program has been life-changing for many families. It has helped them catch up on rent, pay overdue utility bills, and improve access to nutritious food for children. I have witnessed positive changes in family dynamics, and it is empowering to see clients gain confidence as they take a more active role in managing their care and responsibilities.

At the same time, it can be difficult when individuals do not meet eligibility requirements, as it is challenging to turn someone away who is in need.

Our goals for June include continuing professional development through trainings, strengthening connections with vendors and nonprofit partners, and expanding our network of resources. This will allow us to better support clients as they transition from program services to sustainable state, federal, and community-based support systems.



## GROW COOK SERVE

### **SPICED BLUEBERRY JAM - July 20th 6:00-9:00pm - CLASS IS FULL**

Join Kirsten from Fox Trail Farm where she will be teaching folks how to make delicious Spiced Blueberry Jam with fresh local blueberries. Participants will learn the process of water bath canning jam and will take home a jar to enjoy at home.

### **CANNED VEGETABLES CLASS - July 27th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM- CLASS IS FULL**

This hands-on workshop is focused on using the pressure canner, doing vegetables!

### **FREEZING VEGETABLES CLASS - August 3, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM- CLASS IS FULL**

Learn the essentials of preserving fresh produce through proper preparation, blanching, and freezing techniques. This hands on class teaches you how to maintain flavor, texture, and nutrients while reducing waste and stocking your freezer with ready to use veggies. Perfect for gardeners and home cooks looking to make the most of seasonal harvests.

### **SALSA CLASS - September 9, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - CLASS IS FULL**

Learn how to can tomatoes and salsa!

### **CANNED FRUIT CLASS - September 14, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - CLASS IS FULL**

Discover the joy of preserving fruit with USDA-approved methods.

### **CANNING MEAT CLASS - October 5, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM- OPEN SPOTS AVAILABLE**

Learn the essential skills and science behind safely preserving meat at home using pressure canning. This hands-on class is designed for beginners and seasoned home preservers alike who want to confidently can beef, poultry, pork, fish, and wild game. Whether you're stocking your pantry or preparing for seasonal harvests, this course will equip you with the tools and knowledge to preserve protein-rich foods safely and deliciously.

### **LEARN TO MAKE TRADITIONAL KIMCHI - October 19, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM- OPEN SPOTS AVAILABLE**

"Learn to make traditional kimchi—a spicy, tangy, umami-rich Korean condiment of fermented napa cabbage, garlic, ginger, and chili. In this hands-on workshop, you'll go through the entire process from salting to packing. Take home a jar of your own kimchi to ferment and enjoy. No experience needed!"

**\*\*If classes are FULL and you are still interested reach out and Whitney will put you on a waiting list. You can contact Whitney at: [wdg43@cornell.edu](mailto:wdg43@cornell.edu) or call : 607-334-5841 Ex. 1003**



May was a busy and engaging month of lessons and PSE activities. During Water Wednesdays and Fusion Fridays, participants enjoyed infused water flavors like Strawberry Lemon, Blackberry Peach, and Raspberry Lime, often returning for more. Tasty Tuesday featured Corn and Tomato Salad.

Adult classes focused on understanding nutrition labels and included recipes such as Fried Rice and Fresh Veggie Pizza. Youth participants learned about animal and plant based proteins while making Garlic Ginger Ramen with Beef.

Four new programs launched, serving both adults and youth. Topics included MyPlate, nutrition labels, container gardening, and fast food awareness. Participants enjoyed hands-on activities and recipes like Chicken Waldorf Salad, Black Beans and Rice, Zucchini Salad, and Black Bean Brownies, which were especially popular.

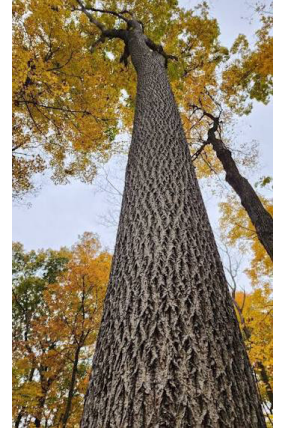


# AGRICULTURE UPDATES

## DANGER WITH YOUR ASH TREES

By Rich Taber

The Emerald Ash borer is an unwelcome invasive beetle that has devastated and killed almost all of the Ash trees in eastern North America. This has been going on for about 20 years now, and the landscape is littered with dead and dying ash trees. These trees can certainly be salvaged for lumber and/or firewood, but many of them are rotted but still are standing. These trees pose a serious danger at this point, especially when trying to cut them down. We were advised at a recent forestry meeting to not attempt to fell any of these trees, especially if they are long dead. The nature of ash wood is that it can splinter off in huge chunks when disturbed by the vibrations of chainsaws. This can be a real danger to the person on the ground! Another danger is that ash trees made up a good percentage of urban trees, and many residential homeowners can easily have several of them near homes and electric wires. They can come crashing down in a good windstorm and do serious damage to homes and other buildings. Although expensive, it might be prudent for homeowners to hire tree cutting professionals to remove these trees before they can create any more havoc. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FELL THESE TREES NEAR BUILDINGS IF YOU ARE NOT A TREE CUTTING PROFESSIONAL!**



A typical White Ash tree

The types of skills needed to deal with these problem trees are a whole magnitude different than simple firewood cutting skills, so they are best left to the professionals!

## COMMUNITY ENERGY ADVISORS DEVIN BIALY, CAMERON WORSHAM



Our April accomplishments include:

- Providing advising to 70 individuals and homes and 53 new leads.
- Making 70 referrals to programs, grants, funding streams, and services
- Attended eight events and reached a total of 423 people.

Our May accomplishments include:

- Success Story: Helped restore heat for an elderly client after initial denial of emergency funding; advocacy led to approval and repairs underway.
- Provided advising to 92 households, including 3 no-heat emergencies and 28 new leads.
- Made 106 referrals to programs, grants, and services. Delivered an energy workshop in Deposit, including energy-saving kits for attendees.
- Participated in mural unveilings in Broome and Delaware celebrating the Thriving Futures Murals Program.

# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JUNE 2026



Local Conservation,  
Lasting Impact

## A NEW OPPORTUNITY IN FOREST CONSERVATION

One of most effective ways the Chenango County Soil & Water Conservation District improves water quality is through large-scale tree and shrub planting. Over the past decade, the District has partnered with local landowners to establish extensive plantings along stream corridors, supported by well-established state and federal funding programs. These efforts help stabilize streambanks, reduce runoff, and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and enhance wildlife habitat. Our goal is to deliver long-term benefits to both the environment and the community.

Building on this success, the District recently pursued a new opportunity through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Establishing Large Forests grant program. When the grant was announced, the District applied on behalf of a Chenango County landowner, aiming to expand forest conservation efforts by replanting a 25 acre retired agricultural field and promoting natural regeneration through the use of deer fencing. Through a district led internship program the district will monitor the new planting and natural regeneration success for the next three years.

The purpose of the Establishing Large Forests grant program (ELF) is to provide state financial support to establish new forest areas by reimburses expenses for site preparation, tree planting, deer protection practices, monitoring and maintenance activities on non-industrial private lands.



Above: The district planted this upland area in 2014 to kickstart the natural regeneration of an old hay field.



### Protecting Our Land, One Project at a Time.

The District provides free technical assistance to landowners seeking to conserve soil, protect water quality, and manage natural resources sustainably.



## 2026 CNY REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

### LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

On April 30, 2026, the Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne was buzzing with excitement as the Central New York Envirothon brought together 17 teams from three counties for a day of hands-on, outdoor competition. Students put their environmental knowledge to the test, tackling a series of challenging academic stations that highlight real-world conservation topics. The competition featured testing stations in soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. This year's focus—Non-Point Source Pollution Mitigation—challenged students to think critically about real-world environmental impacts and solutions. Teams also delivered oral presentations, applying their knowledge to propose innovative strategies for addressing non-point source pollution.

Representing Chenango County, the Greene High School team, The Stink Bugs, earned an impressive score of 426.8. Their outstanding performance secured them the opportunity to advance to the State Envirothon competition, which will be held at SUNY Cortland.



## WELCOME INTERN GARRETT PHELPS to CCE

Hi, my name is Garrett Phelps, and I am excited to be the summer intern for the Chenango County Cornell Cooperative Extension this summer. I grew up in Lewis County, New York, but I was deeply involved in my local 4-H group while attending high school in Jefferson County. I participated in showing dairy and sometimes beef, and I was also active in FFA and the Grange.

I am currently working towards my Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business at SUNY Morrisville. This summer, I am particularly looking forward to the County Fair and assisting with various 4-H events. I am eager to deepen my understanding of the agricultural industry in this county and contribute meaningfully to the community.



## AG IN THE CLASSROOM

In May, students learned all about rabbits! We began by discussing why rabbits are kept as pets and explored how expressive they are, including the different ways they communicate. Students then had the opportunity to observe a live Dwarf Hotot rabbit in the classroom, learn how to perform a basic health check, and discover their dietary and enrichment needs. To wrap up the lesson, students learned how to properly and safely hold a rabbit and had the chance to do so themselves. This informative, hands-on experience was a big hit!



## 4-H LEARN TO SEW

2026 was an extremely successful year for the Learn to Sew program. Over the course of two months, we were able to serve 61 youths all wanting to learn sewing skills. This program has expanded over the years from its small beginnings of a few youths to the numbers we have today. We have an awesome group of volunteers that give of their time to help with this program which could not take place without them. One fantastic fact is that four of our older 4-H'ers that have been a part of sewing for years stepped up and volunteered to help the young kids learn as they have learned. That's what 4-H is all about! We ended our program with a Sewing Spectacular on May 1, where 4-H'ers could walk across a stage to show off their projects, this event gives youth a chance to show off their hard work. This was a big event this year with approximately 75 in attendance which included 4-H'ers and adults.



## SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports youth were anxious for spring so that they can get outside to hold their activities in good weather. The warm weather often brings in new group of 4-H'ers eager wanting to join this activity. It can be a challenge to hold archery, then air rifles, .22's, and air pistols inside, but the program continues to be a success even through the winter months. Our certified instructors continue to emphasis safety throughout this whole program.



## PLANT APPRECIATION DAY

April 13 was International Plant Appreciation Day and 4-H'ers gathered to explore the life cycle of plants learn what plants need to grow and thrive, and discussed why they're so important to our world. Participants then got hands-on by planting their own flowers to take home and care for. Afterwards, everyone got to indulge in a "dirt and worms" dessert to end the program! This was a fun, educational way to welcome spring and nurture a love for gardening!



## **NYS HORSEBOWL COMPETITION**

On April 18th seven Chenango County youth traveled to Cornell for the NYS Horsebowl competition. Katie F. and Abby-Lynn P. were on the region 4 junior team placing 2nd. The senior team made up of Maria F., Sophie R., and Noah B., also took home 2nd place ribbons. In the individual placings Maria F. received a third place which qualified her for a place on the National team if she chooses. These 4-H'ers did a wonderful Job!

## **EARTH DAY**

On Earth Day, 4-H'ers rolled up their sleeves to help clean up the raised garden beds at CCE! We moved around the garden and tackled each garden bed to get it prepared for the growing season. This hands-on service project was a great way to give back, learn about caring for our environment, and get excited for another season of gardening!

## **4-H OWL PELLET DISSECTION**

Members of the Chenango Bird Club joined us during an exciting program about the owls of New York. 4-H'ers learned about the fascinating nighttime hunters and then became wildlife scientists by dissecting owl pellets to discover what owls eat. This hands-on activity was a fun way to explore local wildlife and science in action! The kids had an absolute blast, and it was one of our largest programs.

## **MOTHERS DAY CRAFT**

For Mother's Day, 4-H youth came together to create beautifully decorated, handmade vases using pressed flowers. This craft required patience and attention to detail, and youth embraced the challenge. Afterwards, youth trimmed tulips to add to their completed vases. In the end, they each brought home a thoughtful, one-of-a-kind gift for their loved ones.

## **NYS DAIRY BOWL**

On April 25th, five Chenango County 4-H members represented the region at the New York State Dairy Bowl Competition. Youth competed across beginner, junior, and senior divisions, demonstrating strong knowledge and teamwork. Team results included a 4th place finish for the Beginner Team (Leland E. and Margaret G.), a 4th place finish for the Junior Team (Rinoa B.), and a 2nd place finish for the Senior Team (Elizabeth V. and Thomas H.). Individual achievements included Margaret G. placing 8th in the Beginner division and Elizabeth V. earning 1st place in the Senior division. As a result of her performance, Elizabeth will advance to represent New York at the National Dairy Bowl Competition. Sincere appreciation is extended to volunteers Julia Goodwin and Matthew Hanahan for serving as coaches for the Beginner and Senior teams. Their time and commitment were instrumental in the success of this program.

## **REGIONAL LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON COMPETITION**

On April 17th, nine Chenango County 4-H members traveled to Broome County to compete in the Regional Livestock Skillathon Competition. This event assesses youth knowledge in beef, sheep, meat goats, and swine across a variety of topic areas, including feeds, meat cuts, equipment, breed identification, and animal health. The competition consists of three components: a written exam, a team problem-solving activity, and hands-on identification stations. All of our participating 4-H'ers did an excellent job, with several placing in the top ten within their respective divisions.

## **DAIRY GOAT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC**

On May 30th, a Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic was held, engaging 14, 4-H youth in a hands-on educational experience designed to prepare them for the upcoming fair. During the clinic, participants received instruction on show-day preparation, including appropriate attire, required equipment, and key information to study in advance. Youth also practiced essential skills such as hoof trimming, body clipping, and proper showmanship techniques in the ring. Each participant received an informational study packet to support continued learning and preparation at home.





## KATO EN FARM EDUCATIONAL VISIT

On April 26th, ten Chenango County 4-H members participated in a hands-on educational visit to Kato En Farm focused on cashmere goat production. Youth learned about the origins of cashmere fiber and observed the harvesting process using specialized combs before practicing the technique themselves. Participants also explored fiber processing by spinning cashmere on drop spindles and creating small projects, including bracelets and necklaces, from the fiber they collected. This experience provided youth with practical agricultural knowledge while developing creativity and fine motor skills through hands-on learning. Sincere appreciation is extended to Nadya and her family at Kato En Farm for hosting the group and providing a welcoming engaging and educational experience.



## BUG CLUB

On April 21 the Bug Club began its meetings for the season at CCE. There were 12 youth that met to investigate the life of bees. At this first meeting these kids enjoyed making bee houses that they could take home and put on their property to give the bees a safe habitat. After the bee houses were completed, they were asked if they would like to draw some t-shirt ideas so the club could make a new shirt design for this year. In June these kids met at Galena Park for a lesson on pinning and a little time to gather bugs. We always finished our time with a few tasty cricket snacks.



## BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN LAMB PROJECT

Three 4-H youth were selected to receive Black Welsh Mountain ewe lambs as part of a hands-on learning opportunity focused on raising and exhibiting a heritage sheep breed. Participants applied for the program and have now begun their project work, which will include animal care, management, and preparation for showing. This project was made possible through the generous donation of lambs from A Jo Ann Rodda Farm. Their support provides meaningful learning opportunities for youth while also contributing to the promotion and preservation of the Black Welsh Mountain breed. Youth participants have expressed strong enthusiasm as they begin this project and are actively engaged in developing the skills necessary to successfully raise and showcase their animals in the coming months.



## 4-H SWINE CLINIC

On May 19th a 4-H swine clinic was held at the fairgrounds, providing youth with a comprehensive, hands-on learning experience to prepare for the upcoming show season. During the clinic, participants received instruction on key topics including swine show preparation, ear notch identification, basic swine anatomy and meat cuts, appropriate show attire, and effective showmanship techniques. Following the instructional portion, youth applied their knowledge by working directly with pigs, allowing them to practice handling and presentation skills in a real-world setting. This clinic was made possible through the support and expertise of the Fairchild family, who generously contributed their time, knowledge, and animals. Their involvement greatly enhanced the educational value of the program. Participants demonstrated strong engagement and enthusiasm throughout the evening, gaining confidence and building essential skills as they prepare for the show ring.



## KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

In May and June 4-H youth cooked from the comfort of their homes. We made pear quesadillas with eight youth that really enjoyed themselves! This is a great experience for youth to get comfortable in the kitchen tools, equipment, and working on knife safety and skills. In June 10 kids made california avocado super summer wraps.



## **4-H & CHENANGO COUNTY YOUTH, PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS - July 8th, 5:00 – 6:00pm**

Come join 4-H and other Chenango County youth to learn about the art of photography! Guest photographer Zachary Meseck will provide an introduction to photography, including tips on composition, lighting, and capturing great outdoor shots. Youth will then have the opportunity to practice their skills by taking photos of their own. This outdoor event is sure to be both educational and fun for anyone interested in exploring photography! This program is open to youth beyond 4-H thanks to the Chenango County Youth Bureau.

## **4-H HEALTHY BAKING - July 14th, 5:00 – 6:00pm**

Let's dive into the kitchen with SNAP-ED to make a healthy blueberry oat crumble! Youth will practice important kitchen skills like measuring ingredients, following a recipe, and working together to create a delicious homemade treat. Along the way, Carol from SNAP-Ed will teach participants about healthy eating habits and the nutritional benefits of the ingredients being used. This hands-on program is sure to be both educational and tasty!

## **IN THE GARDEN – GARLIC - July 16th, 4:30 – 5:30pm**

Back to the garden we go—this time with a focus on garlic! Youth will help harvest the garlic growing in the raised beds at CCE while learning about the growing process, plant care, harvesting techniques, and the curing process. Participants will also discover just how easy it can be to grow garlic at home. This program is open to youth beyond 4-H thanks to the Chenango County Youth Bureau.

**4-H SHOOTING SPORTS - July 19th, Sept. 20th 1:00 – 3:00pm** Every third Sunday of the month, Ages 9+ 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. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Richard: [turrellr@protonmail.com](mailto:turrellr@protonmail.com).

## **4-H & CHENANGO COUNTY YOUTH POND SCIENCE - July 23rd, 4:30 – 6:00pm**

Join us when 4-H and the Youth Bureau dive into pond ecology! During our adventure we will explore key components of pond life, look at its inhabitants, and look at crucial factors that may affect life at the pond. We will search above and below the surface checking for its tiniest macroinvertebrates below, and its surface for other creatures that thrive at life at the pond.

## **4-H FUN NIGHT - July 30th, 4:30 – 6:00pm**

Games, games, and more games! Come join Nicole and fellow 4-H youth for a fun-filled 4-H Fun Night—with pizza included! The evening will include outdoor games and a variety of interactive board games that are sure to bring plenty of smiles, laughter, and friendly competition! It's a great opportunity to relax, build friendships, and have fun together!

## **4-H & YOUTH BUREAU - BIRD WATCHING HIKE - August 1st, 5:00pm (Rain Date August 8th)**

Join 4-H and Chenango Bird Club for a peaceful evening of bird watching! Youth will enjoy a leisurely hike along the scenic trails at Rogers Environmental Education Center while learning to spot and identify local bird species. It's a great opportunity to connect with nature, practice observation skills, and enjoy the outdoors with fellow 4-H'ers. Binoculars provided – or bring your own! This event is open to youth beyond 4-H thanks to the Chenango County Youth Bureau, so bring a friend!

## **4-H HEALTHY BAKING – September 9th, 4:30 – 5:30pm**

Join us for another delicious 4-H Healthy Baking program as we make warm and comforting Apple Spice Baked Oatmeal! Youth will practice important kitchen skills like measuring ingredients, following a recipe, and working together while learning about healthy breakfast options. Packed with apples, oats, and cozy fall spices, this tasty treat is sure to be a hit!

## **4-H APPLE ORCHARD TOUR - September 12th, 10:00am**

Join fellow 4-H'ers to learn all about apple farming in New York state! We'll gather at Chapman's Orchard in Oxford to get a tour of the farm, learn the ins and outs of running an apple orchard, and learn about the different variety's this small, family-run farm grows. This is a great learning experience for 4-H youth, and it's sure to be a tasty one!

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT – STARGAZING w/ Valerie - September 18th, 7:30pm**

Join 4-H and special guest Valerie Rapson for an evening of stargazing! Youth will gather at Boname Park to spot constellations, the moon, and stars in the night sky while learning fun facts about astronomy and the objects above us. This hands-on program is a great opportunity to explore space science and enjoy the outdoors after dark. Please note that if weather or sky conditions are not ideal for stargazing, the program will move indoors to the CCE building for a fun, astronomy-themed activity.

**KIDS & KITES - September 25th, 5:00 – 6:00pm**

Get ready for a colorful day of creativity and outdoor fun at Kids and Kites! Chenango County youth will have the opportunity to paint and decorate their very own kite and then watch their creations soar through the sky. This program encourages creativity, outdoor activity, and plenty of fun for youth of all ages! This program is open to the public thanks to the Chenango County Youth Bureau.

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**PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT THE CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR AND OUR 4-H’ERS! BRING YOUR KIDS AND YOUR GRANDKIDS TO TAKE PART IN ALL OF THE WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES THAT IT HAS TO OFFER!**

***Check out our Webpage or Facebook page for more upcoming events for the months of July, August, and September!***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 4-H Photography basics 5:00-6:00pm	9	10	11 Water Safety 11:00am
<b>FENIMORE FARM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW</b>						
12	13	14 4-H Healthy Baking 5:00-6:00pm	15	16 4-H In the Garden 4:30-5:30pm	17	18 Open Farm Day 10:00am- 3:00pm
19 4-H Shooting Sports 1:00pm	20 Blueberry Jam Class 6:00-9:00pm	21	22	23 Pond Science 4:30-6:00pm	24	25
26	27 Canned Vegetable Class 6:00-9:00pm	28	29	30 4-H Fun Night 4:30-6:00pm	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <b>AUGUST</b>				1 Bird Watching- Hike 5:00pm
2	3 Freezing Vegetables 6:00-9:00pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 All 4-H judging for nonperishables & perishables	11	12	13	14	15
<b>CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR</b>						
16 NO 4-H Shooting Sports	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>FAIR</b>						
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29
<b>NY STATE FAIR</b>						
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<b>NY STATE FAIR</b>						
6	7	8	9 4-H Healthy Baking 4:30-5:30pm Salsa Class 6:00-9:00pm	10	11	12 4-H Apple Orchard Tour 10:00am- 12:00pm
<b>NYS FAIR</b>						
13	14 Canned Fruit Class 6:00-9:00pm	15	16	17	18 Astronomy Night 7:30pm	19
20 4-H Shooting Sports 1pm	21	22	23	24	25 Kids & Kites 5:00-6:00pm	26
27	28	29	30 4-H Fun Night 4:30-6:00pm	 <b>SEPTEMBER</b>		

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