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2024 WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

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MERLE MAPLE PRODUCTS!

4-H COOKIE FAVORITES!

WILSON BEEF FARMS MEAT SNACK STICKS!

Merle Maple products shown include: Maple BBQ Sauce (16.4 oz), Maple Garlic Seasoning (9 oz), and a box of Merle Maple Farm products.

Back to Nature Plant Based Snacks shown include: Fudge Mint Cookies (4.4 oz) and Peanut Butter Creme Cookies (9.6 oz).

Whippet Cookies shown include: Natural Raspberry Flavored Cookies (2.56 oz).

Wilson Beef Farms Meat Snack Sticks shown include: Hickory Smoked Regular Style Snack Sticks (2.1 oz).

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

** Indicates that
meeting is held at the Agriculture and Business Center
36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling the 585-786-2251 no later than 10 days prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

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Pollinator
Workshop
Registration Due

Public
Presentation
Registrations
Due

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Tractor Program
7:00pm;
Larry Romance & Son,
Arcade

**Rabbit Ears
Club Meeting**
** 6:00pm

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**Pollinator
Workshop**
** 6:30pm

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**Yarn Workshop
Series, Session
Two**
** 6:00pm

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**Goat
Club Meeting**
** 6:00pm

Tractor Program
7:00pm;
Kelly's Garage, Perry

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**Public
Presentations**
** 5 - 8:00pm

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Dairy Jeopardy
** 6:30pm

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**Public
Presentations**
** 9 - 11:30am

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Hiking Club
1:30pm; Erie County
Park

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**CCE Office
Closed**

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**Wyo. Co. Eggers
Club Meeting**
** 6:30pm

**Secretaries
Report Due**

22

**Public
Presentations**
** 5 - 8:00pm

23

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4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 3RD

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Tractor Program
7:00pm; Java Farm Supply, Java

**Horseless Horse
Club Meeting**
** 6:30pm

**Master Builders
Club Meeting;**
*6:30pm

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4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 3RD

MARCH

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4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 3RD	
Pride of Ag Dinner Setup 3:00pm, North Java Fire Hall	Livestock Skill-A-Thon ** 9:30am

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**4-H FUNDRAISING
SALE FEBRUARY
19TH - MARCH 3RD**

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Fundraiser Sale
Orders and
Money Due

Rabbit Ears
Club Meeting
** 6:00pm

Tractor Program
7:00pm; Monroe Tractor,
North Java

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Hippology
** 9:30AM

Regional
Horse Bowl

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Tractor
Certification Test
** 7:00pm

Goat Club
Meeting
** 6:00pm

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Hand Embroidery
Workshop
** 9:00am

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AG LITERACY WEEK - MARCH 18TH - MARCH 22ND

18	19	20	21	22
Horseless Horse Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	St. Patrick's Day Fun ** 6:30pm Dairy Judging Workshop ** 6:30PM	Livestock Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm Secretaries Report Due		

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Dairy Judging
12:00pm; Flints Farm,
Warsaw

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Master Builders
Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

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Leaders' Assoc.
Meeting
** 7:00pm

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Beef Cuts
** 7:00pm

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Rumination
Navigation
** 6:30pm

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Giant Vegetable
Orders Due

Market Broiler
Chick Orders Due

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Dairy Discovery
Cornell, Ithaca

UPCOMING COUNTY WIDE CLUB MEETINGS



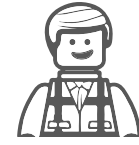
HORSELESS HORSE CLUB

Monday, February 26, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 18, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, April 22, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, May 20, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



MASTER BUILDERS

- Lego Club -

Monday, February 26, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 25, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, April 22, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



WYOMING COUNTY EGGERS

- Poultry Club -

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



RABBIT EARS CLUB

Monday, March 4, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business

Monday, April 1, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business

Monday, May 6, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business



CAPRINE KIDS

COUNTY WIDE GOAT CLUB

Monday, February 12, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 11, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY

Here are some guidelines about weather closings and cancellations for Wyoming County 4-H

If a meeting or event is going to be cancelled, we will notify WCJW - 1140AM, 100.9FM, 103.7FM, 104.9FM, and 105.5FM. They list cancellations on air and via their Facebook page.

Cancellations will also be listed on the Wyoming County 4-H Facebook page by 4:30pm on the day of the event. Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county and not in others; please use your judgement when deciding to travel. Rescheduling meetings is very difficult so if at all possible, meetings and events will be held.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!!

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM SENDS OUT IMPORTANT INFORMATION FREQUENTLY BY EMAIL BLAST!

CHECK YOUR JUNK FILE AS THEY MAY BE SORTED THERE! IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING ANYTHING, PLEASE CALL THE 4-H OFFICE AT 585-786-2251.

SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Spring Leaders' Association Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00pm
Ag & Business Center

4-H Fall Leaders' Association Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm
Ag & Business Center

LEADER REMINDERS

If you have not done so already, please make sure your volunteer leader re-enrollment is turned in to the 4-H office. If you need a new copy, email Alesia at aea92@cornell.edu or call the 4-H office.

Any volunteer who has yet to complete the required annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for CCE Volunteers will be receiving an email from the 4-H office. This online training video training is mandatory for ALL current CCE volunteers and is to help ensure a safe, productive CCE environment for all.

ENROLLMENT REMINDERS

NEW member enrollments are due to the 4-H office by March 31st to participate in the market/meat animal swine, lamb, goat, and poultry auction projects.

April (at first dog meeting) - New members must be enrolled to participate in Dog Obedience Project.

NEW members may enroll until June 1st to participate in most other 4-H project areas and exhibit at fair.

Re-enrolling members - if youth enroll after November 30th of the program year, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their enrollment cost.

New Members - if youth enroll after April 15th of the program year, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their enrollment cost. (new members are defined as not being enrolled in the previous program year.)

PLANNING A FUNDRAISER?

- Any 4-H club that is planning to raise funds for club activities, apparel, supplies, etc... needs to submit a "Request for Permission to Raise Funds in the Name of 4-H" form (Took L-20 in the Leaders' Handbook) to the 4-H office.
- Forms should be submitted to the 4-H office at least 30 days prior to the proposed fundraising date for approval.
- Fundraising events where food is prepared and sold, need a "Community Dinner Permission" from the Wyoming County Health Department. Contact the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 for info on this simple process.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW YORK FARM BUREAU 2024 AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline 3/1/2024

<https://www.nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship>

FARM CREDIT EAST SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline 3/15/2024

<https://www.farmcrediteast.com/Scholarship/>

NYS GRANGE - THE DENISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Deadline 4/15/2024

<https://nysgrange.org/education-opportunities/>

Scholarship details can be found on our website at: wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/4-H.youth-development/projects-activities/awards-scholarships

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUNdraiser Sale

MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH - SUNDAY MARCH 3RD

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.

ALL ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CLOVERBUDS) ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER - TO ALLOW OUR PROGRAM TO CONTINUE OFFERING DIVERSE AND QUALITY PROGRAMMING TO OUR YOUTH!

SALE DETAILS, ORDER FORMS, INCENTIVE SHEETS, ETC. WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ENROLLED FAMILIES IN EARLY FEBRUARY.



MERLE MAPLE PRODUCTS!



4-H COOKIE FAVORITES!



WILSON BEEF FARMS MEAT SNACK STICKS!



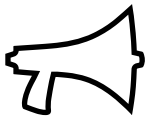
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

★ 2024 ★

The Public Presentation Program is frequently referred to as “the most beneficial and rewarding experience of all 4-H experiences”. Public presentations give 4-H members an excellent opportunity to research a subject, organize ideas in logical order, develop visual aids, and learn to speak effectively before groups. With each public presentation, there is an increase in self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge. Public presentations can teach a 4-H'er lifetime skills that will be useful in his or her future social, educational and career pursuits.

It is important for 4-H'ers to begin doing Public Presentations at an early age and continue throughout their 4-H career. Public speaking skills develop over time, with experience and repetition.

Senior, Junior, & Cloverbud HORSE, HOME, and AG public presentations will take place on:



Tuesday, February 13, 2024 & Thursday, February 22, 2024

5:00 - 7:30PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



Saturday, February 17, 2024

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center

Presentation order will be first come, first served format for each session. Please be patient as there will be lines and we do our best to accommodate families!

Supported by the
4-H COOKIE SALE

INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2023

JUNIOR ONE INCENTIVE

4-H GIFT
(Cinch bags, waterbottles, etc.)

AGE	# of Presentations
Cloverbud	First, Second, and Third
8 & 9	First and Second
10	First and Second
11	First

JUNIOR TWO INCENTIVE

Free ticket to the Genesee Country Museum, Charcoal Corral or a 4-H Gift

AGE	# of Presentations
10	Third
11	Second, Third, and Fourth
12	First and Second
13	First

FOR HORSE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Seniors are 14 to 18 years old, and Juniors are 8 to 13 years old; however, 13-year-olds will be eligible for senior awards. If you would like to be considered for Regional Communications, you must be evaluated using the communications judging sheets!

SENIOR INCENTIVE

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS
A 4-H crewneck sweatshirt

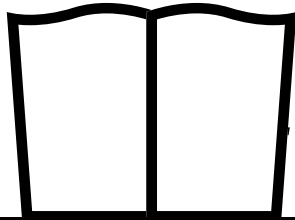
RED RIBBON WINNERS
Genesee Country Museum, Charcoal Corral or 4-H gift.

AGE	# of Presentations
13	Third or more
14-19	One or more

PUBLIC PRESENTATION SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

Any member who is interested in being considered for District Public Presentations will need to indicate that on the registration form. Judges in other rooms may also encourage a 4-H member who gives an excellent presentation to present again for the District Judges. At the conclusion of presentations, the district judge will select the presenters that will represent Wyoming County at the Western District Public Presentations.

**Note: Western District Public Presentations will be held in Erie County, March 23rd!*



AG LITERACY WEEK

MARCH 18TH- 22ND

Wyoming County schools will be participating in Ag Literacy Week, a week devoted to teaching young children about agriculture and why agriculture is an important part of our world. During the week of March 18-22, 2024 (National Ag Week), volunteers throughout NY will visit classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme, lead an activity based on the book and talk to students about agriculture. The book will then be donated to the school or library.

THIS YEAR'S BOOK

Jolie LOVES strawberries - and she's on an unstoppable (and hilarious) mission to grow her own food from seedling to table in this colorful introduction to the joy of growing the popular perennial.



Through Jolie's comical scrapbook-style journal entries, young readers will learn how she convinces the "old people" (aka her parents) to let her grow her own strawberries. Growing strawberries is a lot of work and responsibility, but Jolie is ready with the help of her faithful rabbit Munchy! Together they find out just how delicious, rewarding, and sometimes complicated it can be to grow your own food.

Creating a garden calendar and notebook, how strawberries grow, what pests to look out for in a garden, why ladybugs are helpful, and how a good gardener takes care of strawberry plants are all explained in this fun and educational story.

A big thank you to Wyoming County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this book. The book will be read in every second-grade classroom in the county. A book will also be donated to the school's library. If you are interested in being a classroom reader, call Stephanie at the 4-H office at 786-2251 or email at sal294@cornell.edu.



If you are looking for a fun 4-H project that is both challenging and rewarding look no further.

- THE FACTS -

- The seeds for Atlantic Giants, sunflowers and mini pumpkins are provided by GrowMark.
- Seeds and started plants are provided by Dave Duboy and friends.
- There is no cost to members.
- To complete the project youth will need to bring one specimen to Giant Vegetable Weigh-In in October.

If you are interested in participating fill out the tear slip on the page and drop it in the mail, bring it to the 4-H Office or email it to sac347@cornell.edu. All orders need to be at the 4-H Office by March 29th. Seed pick up will be in May.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

BIRTHDATE _____

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE GIANT VEGETABLE PROGRAM

2024 4-H CLOTHING REVUE

SEWING MACHINES AVAILABLE

Sewing machines and a serger are available from the 4-H Office for clubs and individual members to borrow in preparation for Clothing Revue.

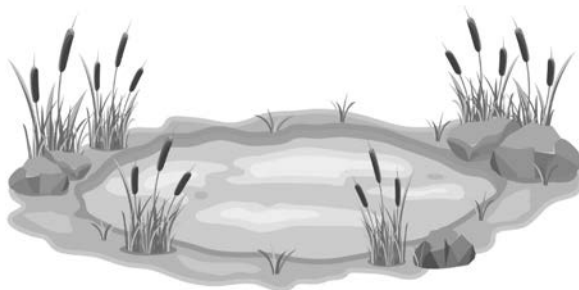
Call the 4-H Office for availability and further questions.



Leap Into Fashion

Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:30PM

Ag & Business Center



CLOTHING REVUE PROGRAM COVER DESIGN CONTEST

If you are a 4-H member, you can enter a cover design for the 2024 Clothing Revue Program!

Your cover design should reflect this year's theme "**Leap Into Fashion**".

Location

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Date & Time

May 3, 2024 at 7:30PM

Please note:

Your cover design must be 8 1/2" by 5 1/2" and should be made with black ink on white paper (no computer-generated covers, please!)

Mail or bring an entry to the Wyoming County 4-H Office; 36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569

**ENTRY DEADLINE
APRIL 12TH**

CLOTHING REVUE PACKETS

Packets of information regarding this year's Clothing Revue will be mailed to all 4-H homemaking leaders and members in late January.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, April 12th

Entry blanks and commentary sheets due

Saturday, April 20th

Clothing Evaluation

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Tuesday, April 23rd

Clothing Evaluation

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Friday, May 3rd

Clothing Revue

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

7:30PM

Clothing Revue Evaluation sheets will also be sent with the clothing revue packet of information.

Please remember to fill out the front page before Evaluation Day and don't forget to bring it with you!



Delicious Destinations

Exploring Foods Around The World!

Monday, April 15th 6:30pm setup, 7:00pm program begins

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw



Explore the different cuisines around the world, along with their cultures and heritage!

There are hundreds of cultures and cuisines across the globe, we challenge you, as 4-H independent and club members, to select a country and research the origins of the foods they eat and their culinary histories and traditions!

It's easy! As a club (or independent member), pick a nation in the world you are interested in exploring! (No US regions). Over the next several months, gather information on the region's cuisine, including styles of cooking or special dishes, and the history or origins of the food item(s) or recipes.

As an opportunity to highlight what members learn from participating in this experience, Wyoming County 4-H will host a 'Delicious Destinations - Exploring Foods throughout the World' event on Monday evening, April 15th, 2024. In planning for an evening that will be interesting and enjoyable for everyone, your club (or independent members) should be prepared to:

- Share samples of a food/dish that is representative of your region/city with other participants.
- All food samples must be prepared prior to the event, and prepackaged for distribution.
- Plan a short presentation (5 minutes max) to share what you have learned with others.
- Put together a small display highlighting what you learned by participating in the project (i.e. posters, photographs, clothing, recipes, etc.)

Pre-registration is required as spacing is limited. This will provide a great opportunity for everyone to discover 'delicious destinations' by sampling foods and sharing information, without leaving Wyoming County (or even the room)! Call the 4-H office for questions or to sign up by April 1st!



SECRETARIES HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following club secretaries for turning in their reports in on time to the 4-H office:

NOVEMBER in by December 20th

3 + 2 🌸 Natalie Bartholomew
 Creek Road Pioneers 🌸 Emma Johnson
 Tiger Cubs 🌸 Beatrix Backes & Bryanna Wozniak
 Wolcott's Horse Haven 🌸 Olivia Wiseman

DECEMBER in by January 17th

Creek Road Pioneers 🌸 Emma Johnson
 Tiger Cubs 🌸 Beatrix Backes & Bryanna Wozniak
 Wolcott's Horse Haven 🌸 Olivia Wiseman

Remember

Secretary reports are due to the 4-H office by the third Wednesday of the following month. Reports for November are due December 20th and January reports are due by February 21st. Please make sure all clubs are turning in a Secretary report; it is a nice way for the 4-H office to see what clubs are doing! You can drop them off at the 4-H office, mail them, or email them to aea92@cornell.edu

FYI: The Secretaries Monthly Report is available online:
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/52/SecretariesMonthlyreportcombinedfillable.pdf?1395071894>

SAVE YOUR PUBLIC PRESENTATION POSTERS

FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN ENTERING YOUR POSTER AS A WYOMING COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT AND/OR IN DOING YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE FAIR - SAVE YOUR POSTER!

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION POSTER - POSTER (S) USED FOR CURRENT YEAR PRESENTATIONS; POSTER MINIMUM OF 14"X22" - ACCEPTABLE TO USE BOTH SIDES OF POSTER.

IF PRESENTATION INCLUDES MORE THAN ONE POSTER, ENTER AS ONE EXHIBIT. THE POSTER WILL BE EVALUATED ON CONTENT, ILLUSTRATIONS, ORGANIZATION, CLARITY, VISUAL APPEAL AND READABILITY.

FAIR CLASS: SECTION 18, CLASS 401

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Public Presentations
 February 13, 17 and 22, 2024

Clothing Revue Evaluation Days will be:
 Saturday, April 20, 2024 & Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Clothing Revue is
 Friday, May 3, 2024

2024 Wyoming County Fair Dates
 August 10th - 17th

2024 NYS Fair Dates
 August 21st - September 2nd

View more upcoming events at:
<https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/events>

Tract, Nature, Adventure- Hiking Club!



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Sunday, February 18th, at 1:30PM at Erie County Park, Sardinia

This new county-wide club which is open to any enrolled 4-H member, can participate and join in club activities! For safety purposes, all youth must register for the event by February 16th! Any questions or to register, call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251.

Vermicomposting 101

Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm
 Ag & Business Center, Warsaw
 Open to 4-H youth ages 5-18

Vermicomposting is using earthworms to compost food waste and convert it into fertilizer. During this course, youth will learn about red wiggler worms, the materials needed to create a bin, and why vermicomposting is great for the environment and their family. Youth will have the opportunity to look at an established vermicompost bin and learn how to create their own at home.

To register for this workshop, call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251. Any questions, contact Stephanie.



Hand Embroidered Felted Fun!

Saturday, March 16, 2024
9:00AM – 11:30AM
Ag & Business Center

Learn some basic stitches, and create animals, flowers, or a barn scene! The options are endless once the technique is mastered. 4-H alumni Alexa Wolcott and current volunteer Liz Wolcott will be teaching this class. This class will be free to enrolled 4-Hers 8+, younger members it is suggested parents stay to assist.



Please bring fabric scissors, embroidery needles and scissors if you have them. Pre-registration is required by March 8th.



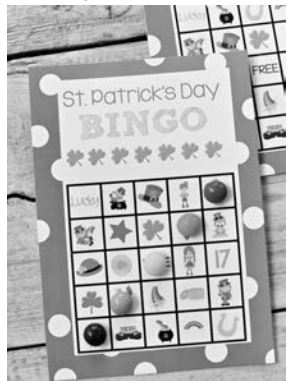
St. Patrick's Day Fun!

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
6:30PM – 8:00PM
Ag & Business Center

Open to Youth 5+ (Cloverbuds with adult assistance)
Cost: \$3 per person

Join us for a night of green themed fun. We will be decorating St. Patrick's Day themed cupcakes and playing bingo! Wear your favorite green outfit!

Please register by March 11th by calling the 4-H office at 585-786-2251.



Sugar Art

Monday, April 1, 2024
at 10:00AM
Ag and Business Center

Easter often brings with it lots of sugary goodness. And it turns out the sweet stuff is the secret ingredient to this string art! We will make sugar eggs to decorate with this spring. Open to cloverbuds (with adult supervision) and all other 4-H members.

Register by March 28th.

All supplies will be provided.



Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Field Trip

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
9:00AM departure from Ag & Business Center
2:00PM return to Ag & Business Center

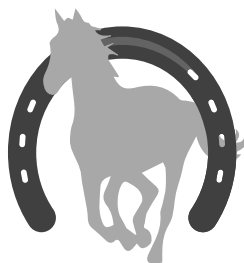
We are planning a special 4-H outing during the spring school break. Participants will travel together with 4-H staff to visit the botanical garden and have lunch out. We will explore the more than eleven indoor gardens, take photos that can be used as fair exhibits, and enjoy the beauty of spring!

Open to 4-H members ages 12 and up.
Cost: \$15.00 for ages 13+; \$9.00 Kids age 12.

The Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association will cover the cost of lunch for youth participants. RSVP's are due by Friday, March 15th. Limited spots available!



HORSING AROUND



Horse Certificates must be in file on the 4-H office for each individual horse and rider combination to be used in 4-H events. They are due June 1st which is a Wednesday this year, no exceptions. Certificates are available online at wyomingcounty4h.com or in the 4-H office.

All 4-H members participating in the horse program must fill out an Acknowledgement of Risk Form with appropriate horse activities checked. This was part of your enrollment packet this year. This paperwork must be on file in the 4-H office in order to participate in any 4-H riding activities. Call the 4-H office with any questions.

Make sure up to date Rabies & Coggins paperwork is on your person at shows! Copies need to be submitted to the 4-H office with fair entries by July 15th!

Watch your email for supplemental event dates!

HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

See Public Presentation dates listed on page 8. Horse Communications may be scheduled on any of those dates.

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street, Warsaw

Choose a favorite horse related topic, research it, and tell us all about it! (If you are interested in moving on to the regional horse level, you must participate.)

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT POINT SYSTEM

** Indicates educational events that count towards your 1 REQUIRED educational event for fair (no points received for this as it is REQUIRED!). For every extra educational event individual youth attend, beyond the one requirement, youth will receive 2 bonus points per event that will go towards educational awards in the fall. Youth must sign the sign in sheets at each event to receive this credit. Please call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 to pre-register for ALL of these events. If adequate registration is not obtained for individual events, they will be CANCELLED.*



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H 2024 HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- **Horseless Horse:** February 26th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center
- * **Public Presentations & Horse Communications:** Ag & Business Center (see page 8)

MARCH

- * **Hippology:** March 9th; 9:30am, Ag & Business Center
- **Horseless Horse:** March 18th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

APRIL

- * **Leadline Clinic:** April 6th; 1:00pm, Randy Priel's, Holland
- **Horseless Horse:** April 22nd; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

Exact dates & times TBD for the following events:

- May - Show Etiquette
- June - Tack 101

HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 9:30AM
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

We will have stations for horse judging, tack, feeds, breeds, anatomy, etc. Anyone who is enrolled in the horse project is encouraged to participate!

LEADLINE CLINIC & RIDER EVALUATION

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 1:00PM
Randy Priel's, Holland, NY

This is an opportunity for cloverbuds to be evaluated and learn the proper skills prior to fairtime! This evaluation is for cloverbuds only.

DAIRY DISCOVERY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

COST: \$20.00 - COVERS LUNCH, HANDOUTS
AND MATERIALS

This statewide program for youth ages 14 to 19 years-old is held all day Saturday, March 30th at Cornell University. Youth learn about dairy careers by rotating through a series of hands-on stations that focus on specific aspects of the dairy industry. 2024 Dairy Discovery workshop topics will be on Calves & Heifers. This is a great opportunity for youth to explore fields in dairy and connect with industry professional on campus.



To register, call the 4-H office or email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu by March 1st!

Dairy Cattle Judging

Judging Tours:

Saturday, March 23rd - 12:00PM
Flint Farms, Warsaw

Saturday, April 6th at 9:30AM
East Koy Valley Farms (Koerner's),
Portageville

NEW THIS YEAR: We will only be
judging at one farm during the day!

Call the office at (585) 786-2251 to sign up for a date. Remember, any member who is interested in judging on the county team **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

*** This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy cattle at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair***

Dairy Judging 101

Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30PM
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw
Dairy judging 101- youth ages 8-18

Join Stephanie for some fun interactive games to help youth learn the basics of dairy judging! Youth will learn the body parts of the cow, what the ideal cow looks like, and how to judge a class. We will have youth feeling confident to go dairy judge. Call the 4-H Office to RSVP by March 15th.

*** This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy cattle at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair***

DAIRY JEOPARDY

Thursday, February 15, 2024
from 6:30 - 7:30PM
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Dairy Jeopardy is a dairy knowledge competition that allows youth to compete as individuals. Styled after the popular television game show, questions are similar to those as in Dairy Bowl. The contestants demonstrate their ability to think on their feet and wager points based on their knowledge of topics ranging from "Bovine Health" to "Breed All About It" (questions about the different breeds of dairy cattle) to "Milk, Natures Perfect Food" and "TMR the mixer".

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu to register by February 9th.

This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting 4-H dairy at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair

VIRTUAL 4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES

Join other youth from across the state for Virtual Dairy Bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.



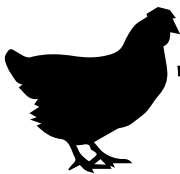
JANUARY 11
JANUARY 25
FEBRUARY 8
FEBRUARY 22
FEBRUARY 29

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/2024DairyBowlPractice>

CONTACT DEBBIE GRUSENMEYER
WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT
DJC27@CORNELL.EDU





2024 4-H MARKET POULTRY PROJECT

This opportunity allows members to raise broiler chickens, exhibit them before the fair and then sell them during the 4-H Meat Animal Auction in August.

Broiler orders due: March 29th

Broiler pickup: approximately June 3rd

Broiler show: Saturday, July 27th

Community service component: donation of two processed birds to local food distribution programs in Wyoming County.

Complete program guidelines are available on the 4-H website. Participants must meet Meat Animal enrollment deadlines, in addition to register for this program by March 29th.

Minimum of 6 chicks, maximum of 12 chicks per participant, not including donation birds. **Cost:** \$2.00/chick, not including donation chicks. Two donation chicks will be added to your order at pick up.

Orders are due no later than March 29th via paper form or you may also register for the program online:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WYCO4-Hmarketpoultry-2-2-2_256



4-H MARKET CHICK ORDER FORM

NAME _____

AGE _____ PHONE _____

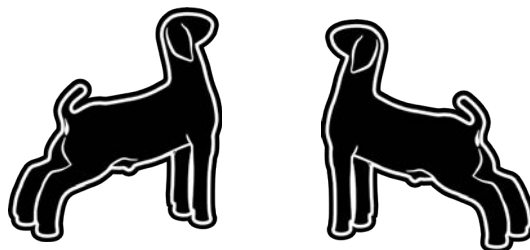
OF CHICKS _____

PULLORUM TESTING FOR POULTRY

All poultry (except waterfowl) exhibited at the Wyoming County Fair will need a valid Pullorum Certificate for 2024.

If you have a flock of 10 or more birds, we strongly recommend doing onsite testing to join the NPIP Program (National Poultry Improvement Plan). This will provide you with a valid 1-year certificate.

The onsite inspections take place in April and May for flocks. Individual bird testing will take place at the fairgrounds, on **July 9, 2024**. Please contact the 4-H office for more details regarding the NPIP testing.



WESTERN DISTRICT GOAT BOWL

The district goat bowl contest will be held on Sunday, April 14th. Erie County 4-H is hosting the event, the location is still being finalized. To receive study packets, email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu.

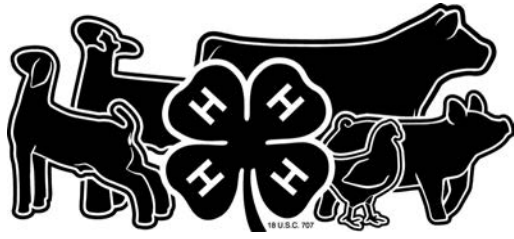
**** This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy and meat goats at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair****

RUMINATION NAVIGATION

Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

The goat is a member of a class of animals called ruminants. These animals ruminate or chew their cud. Through a hands-on lesson, you will navigate your way through the ruminant digestive system! Registration is required by March 22nd, call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251.

**** This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy and meat goats at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair****



MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT

4-H Meat Animal Project Weigh-In Dates are scheduled at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in Pike

SWINE

Friday, May 3rd from 4:00pm till 8:00pm
Saturday, May 4th from 9:00am till 11:00am

LAMB & GOAT

Thursday, May 9th from 5:00pm till 8:00pm
(lambs should be weigh between 35 and 75 pounds)

Registration for time slots will be sent out via email and be advertised in the April 4-H News.

Continuing Meat Animal Program Requirement



This online program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year and requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. Each Wyoming County 4-H Meat Animal Project youth participant will be required to complete the online certification process (yqca.org) each project year. Proof of completion (certificate) must be submitted to the 4-H office. This requirement is **IN ADDITION** to the livestock educational event requirement outlined in the 2024 4-H meat animal rules.

There is a fee for the online program. 4-H Families may choose to pay for it on their own OR contact the 4-H office for a voucher/coupon for each youth member. Instructions for how to complete the online training can be found on our website: wyomingcounty4h.com. Please contact Holly in the 4-H office if you have questions regarding this requirement or would like to receive a voucher/coupon for youth participants. *Vouchers will be available starting February 15th.*

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

Saturday, March 2, 2024

at 9:30AM

AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

DIVISIONS

Novice - youth 8-10 as of 1/1/24

Junior - youth 11-13 as of 1/1/24

Senior - youth 14 years and older as of 1/1/24

Pre-registration is APPRECIATED in order to plan for the event. Return the slip below or call the 4-H office by March 1st to register.

Species we will focus on: beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry!

(This event will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry and auction goats.)

2024 4-H Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry) Program Approved Activity List

Here is a list of the current approved activities for the 2024 livestock program. Remember that you must participate in at least one of these activities to participate in 4-H livestock shows at the fair. (THIS IS NOT JUST THE MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT BUT ALL BEEF, SHEEP, & SWINE EXHIBITORS)

We encourage you to participate in more than just one activity to enhance your 4-H experience! Participants need to register by the announced deadlines using the methods set up for each event for our planning purposes.

- January 23rd – Introduction to Livestock Projects
- February (various dates) – Public Presentations
- March 2nd – Livestock Skill-a-thon
- March 27th – Beef Cuts
- April 6th – Fetal Pig Dissection
- May TBD – Feed Mill Tour
- June 19th – Speaking up for Agriculture
- June/July – Showmanship Clinics for each species
- July 15th – Last Chance Livestock Event



FETAL PIG DISSECTION

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
at 9:00am**

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

This will be a hands on workshop for youth ages 12 and up with a limit of 20 participants. You WILL need to register for available spots by calling the 4-H office at 585-786-2251.

Think about both humans and pigs. Both are mammals. We share common body systems. The anatomy of the pig is close to that of humans. The fetal pigs will tell us more about internal systems and give us a way to explore. This session will be led by Dr. Rebecca Silvanic, a local veterinarian.

(This event will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry and auction goats.)

BEEF CUTS

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024
at 7:00pm**

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Pre-registration is APPRECIATED in order to plan for this event

Come learn about all the cuts of meat a beef animal has to offer! We will learn from a 3d beef model and real cuts.

(This event will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry and auction goats.)

General Livestock Program Reminders:

Non-Auction Beef Sheep & Swine (Ages 8-18 as of 1/1/24): Youth members do NOT have to participate in the livestock auction project to show beef, sheep or pigs at the fair during 4-H shows. We have non auction showmanship, market classes, and breeding animal classes for these species. They are a great way to learn how to raise and show livestock before jumping into the auction program. To exhibit beef, sheep or pigs, youth members must complete one of the specified education events for the livestock program. Pre-registration in the form of a fair entry is also required by July 15th. Watch the June 4-H News for information and deadlines on fair entries. Youth do have an opportunity to exhibit at the NYS Fair. We have project learning materials available in the 4-H office on request.

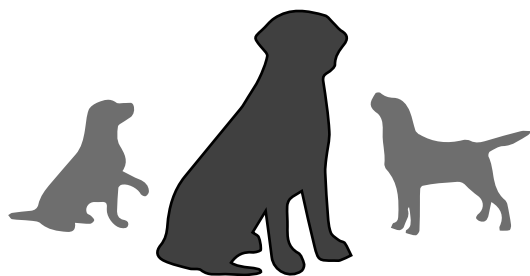
Mark Your Calendars

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024
at 10:00am - 12:00pm
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw**

Eileen Jensen, Executive Director of the New York Animal Agriculture Coalition will be joining us for this hands-on experience! Participants will leave this session excited and prepared to talk to people about their livestock projects and the agricultural industry for the upcoming fair season. This will be an experience you won't want to miss...

Registration for this program will be REQUIRED and will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry and auction goats.)





The Wyoming County 4-H Dog Obedience Program will begin in April 2024. Classes will meet weekly for 9 weeks. If you are interested in enrolling in the program, call the 4-H Office to request a brochure, or view online at <http://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects-activities/dog-care-obedience-program>. Below find the contact information for each site.



SITES & LEADERS

(Call Leaders to Enroll)



ARCADE

Mindy Holland (716-353-6584) contact after 5:00PM
1583 Green Road, Freedom
Tuesdays - 6PM: Beginners - 7PM: Advanced

PERRY

Joan Sage, Bonnie Bowman &
Emelyn Bell (585-237-2998)
Sage Home, 7284 Rt. 20-A, Perry Center
Thursdays - 6:30PM

JAVA

Pennie Smith (585-457-3576) contact after 5:00PM
5319 Michigan Rd. Java, NY
Mondays - 6:30PM

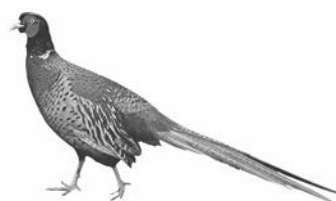
FILLMORE

Alicia Oyer (585-610-6685)
9865 Council House Rd, Fillmore
Wednesdays - 6:30PM



DEC DAY-OLD PHEASANT CHICK PROGRAM

The program provides educational opportunities while supplementing the landscape to increase fall hunting success. Pheasant chicks are available at no cost to participants who are able to provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site that allows pheasant hunting access. Participating in raising and releasing pheasants is a great way to get youth involved in the outdoors while supporting New York's longstanding tradition of pheasant hunting. Each cooperator



receives a specified number of day-old chicks to raise and release at no additional expense to DEC. All birds must be released on lands open for public hunting.

Applications for chicks must be submitted by March 25th. To access the application, go to NYDEC pheasant page, and at the bottom is a link to the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Application.

HELP NEEDED

WYOMING COUNTY AG DINNER

Looking for a community service project to participate in? The Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce is looking for help in setting up tables and chairs for 350 people for the 15th Annual Wyoming County Ag Dinner.

Friday, March 1st starting at 3:00PM
North Java Fire Hall, Route 98, North Java

In addition to setting up tables and chairs, help is needed to put table clothes, flowers, placemats, and some other items on the tables. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and give back to the ag community!

Call the 4-H Office at 786-2251 by Friday, February 23rd if you are interested in volunteering to help on March 1st!

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Wyoming County
4-H Youth Development
36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569

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4-H International Exchange Hosting Opportunity Webinar

Join staff from the NYS 4-H office to learn about the 4-H International Exchange Program! This info session is open to all NYS 4-H Families.

**Wednesday, February 21st
at 7:00pm.**

Please register for this zoom session by scanning the QR code here and following to the registration link:
<https://www.nys4-h.org/post/4-h-international-exchange-information-session>



**4-H International
Exchange Hosting
Opportunities
Information
Session for
Families**

**Wednesday
February 21st
at 7:00 PM**

Register Here

