

4-H

NEWS

- 2025 -

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**IT'S TIME TO TURN IN YOUR
4-H ENROLLMENT**

\$15

ENROLLMENT FEE
OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH

\$20

*Wyoming County
Residents*

*Out-of-County
Residents*

November 30th – Re enrollment forms due

March 31st – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Meat Animal Auction Program

April (at first dog meeting) – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Dog Obedience Project

June 1st – New Members must be enrolled to enter items at Fair

*** Member enrollment is due before participation in a 4-H event, meeting, or project***

****Again this year!****

We will continue implementing the late fee structure as posted below:

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

**2025 ENROLLMENT PACKET
LOCATED ON PAGES 28-31.**

**Please be aware that this will be the last 4-H
News you receive if you have not enrolled in
the 2024-2025 4-H program**



CCE Wyoming County Needs Your Input for Its Strategic Plan

The CCE Wyoming County Board of Directors is seeking your input as they create their strategic plan for 2025-2030.

This plan will help identify key priorities, programs, and investments for the future. It will guide the development of annual work plans and determine how staff time will be allocated to address ongoing, new, or emerging community needs.

To share your feedback, please scan the QR code with your phone to access the survey. While we are focused on connecting with our core audiences, we also want to hear from groups that we may not have engaged with in the past but could benefit from our support.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Caron Gala, Executive Director of CCE Wyoming County at ceg256@cornell.edu or call 585-786-2251.



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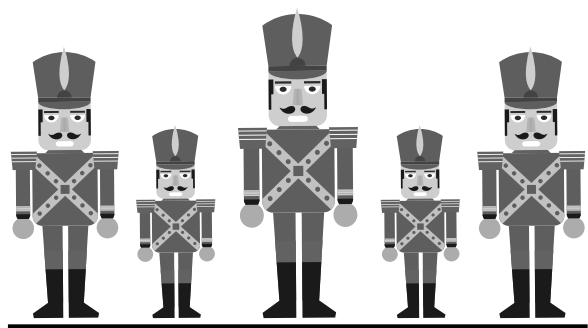
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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Rabbit Ears Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	3	4 4-H Program Committee ** 7:00pm	5	6	7 Holiday Workshops **9AM - 12PM Meat Animal Beef & Dairy Beef Weigh-In Empire Livestock Market, Pavilion 8:30 - 11:30AM
8	9 Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting ** 6:00pm	10	11	12	13 Hiking Club Meeting 7:00pm - Beaver Meadow, North Java	14
15	16 Win A Calf & Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation ** 6:30pm	17 Horse Bowl Practice ** 6:00pm	18 Secretary Reports Due	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CCE Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30 Master Builders Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	31	<p style="text-align: center;">** Indicates that meeting is held at the Agriculture and Business Center 36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p>			

JANUARY

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CCE Office
Closed

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PA Farmshow

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PA Farmshow

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Rabbit Ears
Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

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Produced in NY
Foods
Registrations due

11

Hiking Club
9:00am

12

13
Caprine Kids
Goat Club Meeting
** 6:00pm

Dairy Committee
Meeting
** 7:00pm

Horse Committee
Meeting
** 7:00pm

Gladiola Orders Due

14

Horse Bowl
Practice
** 6:00pm

15

4-H Program
Committee
Meeting
** 7:00pm

Secretaries
Report Due

16

17

Dairy & Horse
Bowl
Registration Due

18

PINY Contest
** 8:30am

19

20
Public
Presentation
Workshop
** 9:30am

Tractor
Certification
** 7:00pm

CCE Office
Closed

21

Beef Project
Stations
Workshop
** 7:00pm

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23

24

Horse Bowl
** 6:00pm

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Dairy Bowl
** 9:30am

26

Dog Leader
Training
** 1:00pm

27
Goat Committee
Meeting
** 6:30pm

Wyoming
County Eggers
** 6:30pm

Master Builders Club
Meeting
** 6:30pm

Tractor
Certification
** 7:00pm

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Microwave
Magic Virtual
Series
6:30pm

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2	3 Rabbit Ears Club Meeting ** 6:30pm Tractor Program 7:00pm;	4	5	6 Microwave Magic Virtual Series 6:30pm	7	8
9	10 Tractor Program 7:00pm; Public Presentation Registrations Due	11	12	13 Dairy Jeopardy ** 6:30pm	14	15
16	17 CCE Office Closed	18 STEM Camp Day ** 10 - 11:30am	19 Secretaries Report Due	20 Public Presentations ** 5 - 8:00pm	21	22 Public Presentations ** 9 - 11:30am
23	24 Tractor Program 7:00pm; Master Builders Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	25 Public Presentations ** 5 - 8:00pm	26	27	28	

4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 17TH - MARCH 2ND

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SECRETARIES HONOR ROLL

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

October in by November 20th

Creekroad Pioneers 🌸 Kayla Copeland
On The Fence 🌸 Raena Beechler

Remember

Secretary reports are due to the 4-H office by the third Wednesday of the following month. Reports for November are due December 18th, December reports are due January 15th and January reports are due by February 19th. 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/SecretarysMonthlyreportcombinedfillable.pdf?1395071894>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Public Presentations

February 20, 22, 25, 2025

Clothing Revue Evaluation Days will be:

Thursday, April 17, 2025 & Saturday, April 26, 2025

Clothing & Textile Revue is

Friday, May 9, 2025

2025 Wyoming County Fair Dates

August 9th - 16th

2025 NYS Fair Dates

August 20th - September 1st

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

Thank you

The Wyoming County 4-H staff would like to express their gratitude to Jina Gentry, a representative from Assemblyman David DiPietro's office, for joining our staff, volunteers, and youth during our 4-H Recognition Night. We were delighted to have you with us that evening.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS

National 4-H Week Contest Winners

Display Contest

- 1st place - Saddle Blissters
- 2nd place - Castile Country Kids

Secretary Book Contest Winners

- 1st - Tiger Cubs II
- 2nd - Tiger Cubs I
- 3rd - Creek Road Pioneers

Supported by the
**4-H FUNDRAISER
SALE**

Please remember to send your secretary's reports to the 4-H office by the 3rd Wednesday of the next month.

A total amount of \$96.50 was awarded from the Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association to 4-H'ers and clubs for the contest.

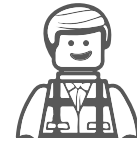
UPCOMING COUNTY WIDE CLUB MEETINGS



WYOMING COUNTY EGGERS - Poultry Club -

Monday, January 27, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 24, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



MASTER BUILDERS - Lego Club -

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

Monday, January 27, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, February 24, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 24, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



CAPRINE KIDS COUNTY WIDE GOAT CLUB

Monday, December 9, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, January 13, 2025
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center
(Learning about goat herd health)



RABBIT EARS CLUB

Monday, December 2, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business

Monday, January 6, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business

Monday, February 3, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 3, 2025
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



HIKING CLUB

Friday, December 13, 2024
Beaver Meadows, North Java - 7:00pm
Join the hiking club in a full moon evening hike.

Saturday, January 11, 2025
Emery Park, South Wales - 9:00am

Registrations are required-
contact Stephanie with any questions at
585-786-2251 x 115 or
sal294@cornell.edu

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.

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT

WILLIAM & ALTHEA GOEWY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Goewey family honors the legacy of their parents, Bill and Althea through the William and Althea Goewey Memorial Community Service Award each year. Funds for this award came from donations to our 4-H program in memory of Bill, a former Wyoming County 4-H educator and extend his legacy within our program.

This year's recipient is Meghan Youngers of North Java. Meghan has been a 4-H member for thirteen years and has exhibited a commitment to our community through 4-H, FFA and other community programs.

As part of her application, Meghan wrote that community service has taught her the importance of community and giving back. "From serving my community, I have gained valuable life skills, learned more about my local community, and learned about my own potential for further service." Meghan is currently in her first year of school at the Culinary Institute of America; we wish her the best as she works towards her goals in the world of baking and food service.

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H HIGH POINT & RESERVE HIGH POINT RIDER AWARDS

The high point rider award is given to the 4-H member who achieves the overall highest points accumulated for the 4-H horse shows, including Gymkhana, Western and English. This year's recipients are:

Jacklynn Crow
High Point Rider, 163 points

Stephanie Silvernail
Reserve High Point Rider, 153 points



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H DOG AND HANDLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 4-H Dog and Handler Achievement Award is presented in memory of 4-H leader Pennie Smith. New last year, Pennie wanted to invest in our future 4-Hers and reward the successes of those who continued to practice, grow and succeed with their dogs. Unfortunately, Pennie passed away this fall, but shortly beforehand she communicated who should be this year's recipient.

This award is received by a participant who has excelled in our program, and exhibited skills of leadership, sportsmanship and growth in the project. This year's award is presented to Oliver Smith of Gainesville. Oliver has participated in the dog project for 3 years, learning and growing with his dog in obedience and rally obedience. Oliver has always been thoughtful, courteous and contentious at all dog shows he attends. He is noticed by his peers as a hard but humble competitor. He has illustrated continued determination in the dog project, and we congratulate Oliver on his continued development and success!



ERIKA TODD EQUINE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Erika Todd Equine Achievement Memorial Award is an award in memory of Erika Todd, who was a Wyoming County 4-H horse and dairy program member. Her family created this award in 2012 to recognize a 4-H member for their accomplishments in the 4-H horse program.

The award considers participation in local, regional, and state level activities such as educational contests and riding events throughout the 4-H horse program. This year's recipient is Stephanie Silvernail of Attica. Stephanie has participated in the horse program for the past 9 years as an independent member.

During her time in the horse project, Stephanie has participated in the county horse bowl and hippology contests, as well as regional and state hippology contests. She has grown in our program, participating in western riding and driving shows at the county and state fair level. She tries to gain knowledge by riding various disciplines at the Pike fair, a highlight of each 4-h year. Stephanie enjoys sharing ideas and exchanging knowledge with her friends she has made throughout the years. Through her hard work and dedication, she has gained responsibility, resilience and confidence which will benefit her in her adult life.

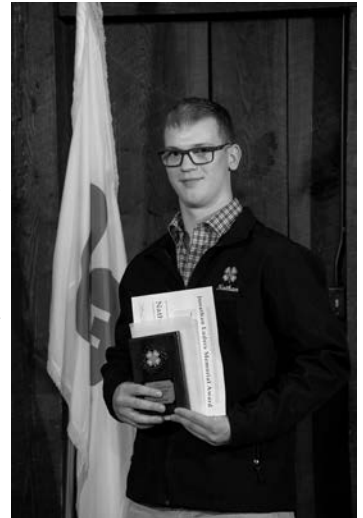


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JONATHAN LUDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Jonathan Luders Memorial Award is presented to a deserving dairy project members each year. For many years Jonathan was involved in the Wyoming County Dairy Program. Past recipients are Nicholas Downs, Danielle Herrick, Tyler Day, Kyle Carpenter, and Sarah Cox.

This year's memorial award recipient is Nathan Foss. Nathan is a member of the 3+2 4-H Club. He has been active in the dairy program for 9 years. Nathan is passionate about the dairy industry and 4-H dairy program. He has been a teen representative on the 4-H dairy committee for two years, a member of the parlor crew, and volunteered at 4-H events like dairy bowl on the county, district, and state levels. Nathan truly uses his head, heart, hands, and health to better himself, his club, and his community. Congratulations Nathan on all your accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Program.



4-H AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Wyoming County 4-H Agriculture Achievement Award was made possible by friends and family of both Harold Upton and Dave Tracy, who were long-time supporters of the Wyoming County 4-H Program. This award is given each year, to a member who has been active in and provided strong youth leadership for agricultural 4-H projects. This year's recipients are Spencer Broughton and Tyler True.

Spencer has been in 4-H for 11 years with the Showin' and Growin' 4-H Club. He has participated in numerous project areas including beef, sheep, meat animal program, rabbits, livestock judging, and tractors. He has hosted numerous clinics at his farm to teach 4-H members about animal handling and fitting. He uses his head, heart, hands, and health to better himself, his club, and his community.

Tyler True is a member of the 4P's 4-H Club. He has been active in 4-H for 11 years. During his time, he has focused on dairy, goats, and beef. Tyler has been an active member for several years on the Fair Parlor Crew. He is reliable, responsible, and diligent. He has volunteered countless hours to help run the parlor. Tyler is truly an outstanding 4-H member that uses the ideals of the 4-H's to better himself, his club, and his communities.

2024 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Each year we recognize several outstanding 4-H members for their overall participation, dedication to varied project areas, and personal growth. This year, our outstanding junior members are Abby Mest and Jackson Norton.

Abby is the daughter of Josh and Jennifer Mest of Yorkshire and is a six-year member of the Barnyard Crew 4-H Club. She is active in many project areas including FCS, dairy, meat animal, poultry, rabbits, and public presentations. She has completed community service projects for her club and county programs. She has competed in county, district, and the state levels for dairy bowl. Abby has lots of positive energy, which she shares with her club, and community. We are excited to see Abby grow within the 4-H program over the next several years.

Jackson is the son of Jared and Sarah Norton of Bliss and is a member of the Castile Country Kids and Wyoming County 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs. Jackson has just completed his sixth year in our 4-H program. He is active in many project areas including FCS, rabbits, community service, crafts, home improvement, goats, plant science, poultry, meat animal, shooting sports, and goats. We have seen tremendous growth in Jackson as this year, he volunteered along with his brother Owen to meet with a senior lunch group and talk about his 4-H experiences. Jackson is a valuable member of his club and is learning how to become a strong leader for the future!



2025 OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE 4-H MEMBERS

Gracie True, daughter of Sarah and Jason True, is a 7-year member of the 4-P's, Rabbit Ears, and Caprine Kids Clubs. She has participated in a variety of 4-H projects including dairy, rabbits, goats, and foods.

Gracie has grown tremendously in her project areas during her 4-H career so far. She works hard to improve her showmanship skills and animal projects. Gracie loves to show her myotonic goats. Even though they sometimes faint in the ring, she keeps her composure and has a smile on her face. She is also an avid baker and often can be found sharing extras that she made for fair with others in addition to exhibiting decorated cakes. Through her participation, Gracie's positivity, and willingness to help shine through. Congratulations Gracie on all her achievements throughout the years!



Nicolas Driver son of Ben and Ann Driver, is an 9-year member of the Strykersville Livestockers 4-H Club. He has participated in projects such as food science, crafts and home improvement, gardening, meat animal project, swine, dairy, and beef.

Nicolas has had numerous county fair projects selected to be displayed at the NYS Fair. He has consistently participated in many facets of our 4-H program and he has exhibited personal growth in his 4-H career. Through his 4-H club, Nicolas has demonstrated leadership and service. Nicholas is a thoughtful, hardworking young man who is very deserving of this award!

2024 OUTSTANDING SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Madelynn Olin is the daughter of Justin and Jessica Olin and is a 13-year member of both the Castile Country Kids and Wyoming County 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs. She has participated in a wide variety of 4-H projects including Dog Obedience, Clothing, Crafts, Beef, Goats, Dairy, Sheep, Home Improvement, Foods, Community Service, Vegetable and Flower Gardening, Natural Resources, Woodworking, Public Presentations, Photography, and Meat Animal.

Madelynn is helpful within her club, participating in meetings and helping younger members with their projects. She loves to help other 4-H members at fair, especially when it comes to shearing sheep and working with their animals. Madelynn has participated in Family & Consumer Science programs, exhibiting arts, crafts, home improvement projects, and gardening. She has also excelled in public presentations, where she has presented twice to the County Board of Supervisors, as a representative of our 4-H program. Madelynn is a great example of a well-rounded 4-H member, and we are happy to present her with this award.



Adam Romance is the son of Justin and Denielle Romance of Arcade. He has been a 4-H member for 12 years and is a part of the On the Fence 4-H Club. He has participated in a wide range of projects including Community Service, Crafts, Home Improvement, Food Science, Plant Science, Beef, Swine, Meat Animal, Tractor Safety, and STEM. Adam has been most active in the livestock program, growing and showing swine each year. Adam served two years on the livestock committee as a youth member and was always willing to step up and help where needed, whether it was carrying pigs during the beginning weigh-ins or helping run events.

This past year other families noted how amazing it was to watch Adam at the fair. He was always helping in the barns, cleaning pens, helping younger 4-H'ers and being a great role model. He comforted fellow 4-H members after the auction, making sure they were okay and offered encouraging words of support. He is a young man that will go places and make a difference with his kind and thoughtful actions!

PAUL KEEM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Paul Keem was a longtime member of our 4-H Meat Animal Livestock Committee. Paul was always the first volunteer to show up at events and one of the last to leave. as he was always found chatting with families or manning the scales for weigh in events. Paul Keem Memorial Sportsmanship Award is given each year in memory of him, as a tribute from his family to honor values that are important to them all. Recipients are chosen by the livestock committee based on their good character, integrity both in and out of the showing, volunteerism, and overall sportsmanship. Each of these youth serve as excellent role models within our 4-H livestock program, and we are proud to recognize Aliana and Claire Bliss.

Both Aliana and Claire are some of the most dedicated livestock youth in our program. They live and breathe, raising and showing livestock, primarily beef and hogs. Over the years that they have participated in 4-H, they have expanded their knowledge by reaching out past the county program and attending shows and clinics that provide resources they need. In our county program, they have become confident showmen and have taken on the duty of leading the swine showmanship clinic, along with their family. They outline their talks and work in a hands-on fashion with other youth in attendance. The girls also help with clean ups before and after the fair. During the fair, they keep very busy tending to animals, volunteering, and teaching newer members what they have also learned.



COUNTY MEDALS

Beef

Grace Clark
Tanner Day
Madelyn King
Brandon Kopp
Jenna Weixlmann

Clothing & Textiles

Cody Bang

Community Service

Morgan Capen

Dairy

Alyssa Abbott
Kendra Brace
Rachel Hatch
Harley Wolfanger

Dog

Angel Oyer
Maddy Oyer
Savannah Reinbold
Phoebe Shepard
Oliver Smith

Environmental

Stewardship
Larissa Hyman

Fine Arts

Jared Day
Emily Harwood

Food Science

Turner Bartholomew
Jack Tassone

Genealogy

Abigail Schrieber

Home Environment

Phyllisa Mitzel

Horse

Sophia Black
Mya Hardie
Carly Nason

Judging

Hayden Ayers

Needle Arts

Jacquelyn Szucs

Plant Science

Nathan Perl

Poultry

Blake Neamon

Public Speaking

Abigail Paddock
Marygrace Schenk
Caleb Spicer

Rabbit

Inanna Mysliwicz
Jacquelyn Szucs

Sheep

Hannah Holmes
Cyrus Olin
Angel Oyer

Swine

Jared Day
Noelle Milhollen
Lexie Phetteplace
Olivia Swyers
Tyler Voss

10 YEAR MEMBERS

Gavin Auger
Evan Broughton
Morgan Capen
Izabelle Carmichael
Lauryn Carmichael
Gavin Carpenter
Curtis Daniel
Ty Domes
Logan Dryja

Lindsey Frew
Alan Jr. Gray
Evan Gray
Karlee Greenfield
Lillian Gromek
Katelyn Hardie
Mya Hardie
Emily Harwood
Hannah Holmes

Mya Lindsley
Peyton Mest
Inanna Mysliwicz
Maggie Noel
Emily Perl
Nathan Perl
Blake Siewert
Lilah Stroud
Ava Sylvester

Jenna Weixlmann
Courtney Westfall
Casey Youngers
Claire Zehler
Addison Zielenieski
Brooklyn Zielenieski
Joseph Zielinski

11 YEAR MEMBERS

Delaney Almeter
McKenna Almeter
Colton Auger
Lillian Auger
Kalen Beardsley
Hunter Brace
Kendra Brace

Spencer Broughton
Trey Driver
Taylor Fontaine
Rachel Hatch
Kyle Heineman
Keeley Holland
Noah Hudson

Garrett Lester
Brenda Martin
Noelle Milhollen
Dylan Mirrione
Cyrus Olin
Chloe Phetteplace
Lexie Phetteplace

Marygrace Schenk
Mathew Schreiber
Tyler True
Emily Warriner
Stephanie Youngers
Grace Zywczyński

12 YEAR MEMBERS

Ava Conklin
Marina Cox
Jared Day
Calvin Holland

Courtney Keem
Travis Lester
Dealya Mest
Phyllisa Mitzel

Gunner Nickerson
Adam Romance
Olivia Swyers
Anna Torrey

Jaclyn Torrey
Carolyn Waligora
Harley Wolfanger

13 YEAR MEMBERS

Erika Conrad
Madelynn Olin

Abigail Paddock
Maria Pratico

Abigail Schreiber
Naomi Shepard

Caleb Spicer
Meghan Youngers

JUNIOR LEADERS

Six Years

Abigail Paddock
Caleb Spicer

Five Years

Emily Warriner
Brenda Martin

Four Years

Katelyn Green
Katelyn Hardie

Two Years

Myra Beardsley
Emily Harwood

One Year

Logan Church

Award Pins are available for recipients in the 4-H office!

2024 LEADER OF THE YEAR written by Kelly Harris

We are gathered here tonight to recognize those that have gone above and beyond in their involvement in the Wyoming County 4-H program. It is my honor to help recognize Kelly Dryja as Leader of the Year. She is well-deserving of this title, and I am so proud of her.

I first met Kelly when we started coming to Master Builder Club meetings a few years ago. We decided right away that the club and the people involved with the club were a good fit for our family. Kelly is calm, approachable, and welcoming. The atmosphere she creates at meetings is welcoming to a diverse population of youth. Within this atmosphere, the kids are given free choice of activities. There is always the choice of free building Lego creations. She also always has at least one challenge opportunity for the kids to choose to participate in. These challenges are STEM related and invite the kids to pair Lego building and engineering to complete a task. A lot of times, I watch as the kids build and test their creations. Kelly will ask them some guiding questions and then they decide to modify and re-test their creations. So many times, at club meetings, the kids are not ready to be done when it comes time to clean up. This last meeting, my son used every last minute to test and modify his structure so it would hold a brick. When I pulled kids aside to ask what kept them coming back to Master Builders every month, every single one of them said, "I come because Mrs. Dryja is so nice, and the challenges are awesome!" Kelly puts a lot of time into finding challenges that will appeal to the various interests of all of the youth. I give her a lot of credit because coming up with a challenge that will engage both middle/high school students and Cloverbuds, seems like a daunting task to me.



Kelly also is invested in more than just the Master Builders club that she leads. She is constantly inviting the kids to be more involved in other parts of the 4-H program as well. Every year, she asks the kids if they are interested in participating in the Delicious Destination presentation and if they'd like to do a booth at the Wyoming County Fair. She also hosts Lego Building at the Fair in the Youth building every year. And finally, last year Kelly started a tradition of teaching a workshop at the Holiday Workshop in December. I don't know how she does it. Her own kids are involved in many 4-H projects including dairy, poultry, youth building exhibits, public presentations, and more. On top of this, she facilitates a pretty awesome club! I'm so glad that our paths in life crossed. She has definitely become a friend to me and someone my kids look forward to interacting with at 4-H.

Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Awards

The Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Award has been presented annually since 2002 and is given in memory of Harold Upton and Dave & Laura Tracy. The award was created to honor members of the community who support the Wyoming County 4-H Program. Over the years the program has honored businesses and individuals who share a common thread with Harold, Dave & Laura. They all want to see the Wyoming County 4-H Program and most importantly the youth served thrive.



We are excited to award both Merle Maple and Stephen Cox as our 2024 friends of 4-H recipients.

The Merle family and Merle Maple have been a staple in Wyoming County for the past one hundred years. They have always been willing to support the Wyoming County 4-H program in a variety of ways. Most recently, when our program was looking for new ways to facilitate receiving and distribution of our annual cookie sale items, Merle Maple stepped up in a huge way! They offered usage of their new warehouse facilities to receive all our fundraising orders for distribution. This has allowed our program to control costs and facilitate the fundraiser for the past few years. This past year, Merle Maple also partnered with our program to offer local products as fundraiser items. This has allowed us to maintain a unique fundraiser to support our local programming and events like this banquet! Thank you to Merle Maple. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you into the future!

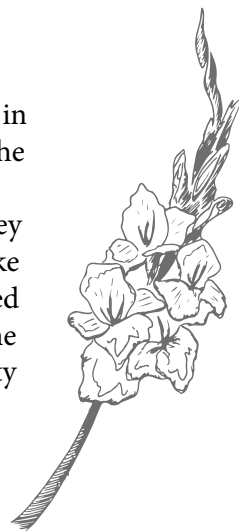


Stephen Cox has been an enrolled volunteer for eleven years. During this time, he has been a volunteer for the Shooting Sports Club, served on the 4-H program committee, livestock committee and the Board of Directors, where he held the vice president and president roles. In this time, there isn't much that Steve hasn't done! I don't think we can quantify the amount of hours or service that he has contributed to both our association and 4-H program. There aren't many projects that Steve won't tackle. He has built shelters and maintained buildings at camp. He loves to climb and work in high places. He finds projects that others overlook, and makes sure that they get done. He finds help from all corners of the county and beyond to help him. Steve finds the time to show up when others cannot. We in the 4-H office are not sure he sleeps but we do know he won't turn down a meal. Our entire program is grateful for Steve's dedication and tireless efforts to make the best even better, here in Wyoming County!

Think Spring!

Get your Gladiola orders in!

If you have never participated in the Gladiola program this is the year to start. Gladiolas are beautiful perennial (meaning they come back every year) bulb (like a tulip) that need to be planted in May and bloom just in time to show at the Wyoming County Fair.



Here are the facts:

- The Western NY Gladiola Society sponsors this project every year.
- Each 4-Her who signs up receives approximately 24 bulbs.
- 1st year members cost will be \$5.00.
- Anyone who has participated in the past the cost is \$10.00.
- To complete the project youth will need to have one entry in the open class gladiola show in the People's Building on Sunday at the Wyoming County Fair.
- A meeting to pick up bulbs will be held in May, exact date TBD. 1st year members are required to attend!

If you are interested in participating fill out the tear slip below and drop it in the mail, bring it to the 4-H Office or email it to sac347@cornell.edu.

All orders and money need to be at the 4-H Office by January 13th.

Gladiola Order Form

Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Address: _____

I am new to the Gladiola Project (\$5.00)

I am participating again (\$10.00)

Please include payment with your order and return to 36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569 by January 13th.

Produced in New York State Foods Contest

Saturday January 18, 2025

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

**snow date - Saturday, January 25th*

Come participate in this year's Produced in New York Foods Contest at the Ag & Business Center in Warsaw.

Registration will start at 8:30AM

The contest will begin at 9AM

In order to learn about nutrition and practice food presentation skills, 4-H members will present a silent food demonstration, promoting items from the Empire State. All contestants will prepare recipes at the same time, without talking. Participants will be allowed 50 minutes to demonstrate.

The major ingredient of the recipe must feature a product grown or produced in NY State - such as fruits, vegetables, dairy or meat. This is your chance to be creative and have fun at the same time!

Age categories as of 1/1/25:

- *Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old
- Juniors: 8 - 12 years old
- Seniors: 13 - 19 years old

Call the 4-H Office for more details and to sign up today! *Please note Cloverbud recipes must be approved for appropriate skill level upon registration. *

Registration deadline is Friday, January 10th

****Updated Rules & Guidelines are available on our website; <https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/resources/produced-in-ny-foods-guidelines>**

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUNdraiser Sale

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH - SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

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

★ 2025 ★

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:



Thursday, February 20, 2025 & Tuesday, February 25, 2025

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



Saturday, February 22, 2025

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center

Please complete the registration form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the 4-H office by Monday, February 10th.

Supported by the
4-H COOKIE SALE

INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2024

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 29th!*

PRESENTATION OPTIONS

All 4-H'ers have the opportunity to select one of six types of presentations. The choices are Demonstration, Formal Speech, Illustrated Talk, Recitation, Interview or Dramatic Interpretation. What is the difference?



FORMAL SPEECH

The presenter aims to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience without the use of visuals. Proper use of note cards is acceptable. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter selects a format (persuasive, motivational, or informative) that best suits what is being conveyed to the audience. A Speech is written in the presenter's own words; however poetry, quotations, humor, or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point. (Recommended for ages 15-19, grades 10-12).



RECITATION

The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of pre-written material. Props should not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation. Memorization is expected, but proper use of notes is permitted either in the form of note cards or a book. This area is not intended for presentation of original piece of material written by the presenter.



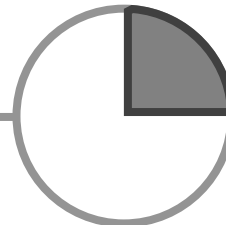
DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

The presenter or team of two delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues -- dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s). Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category, but 4-H educators should monitor appropriateness of presentation.



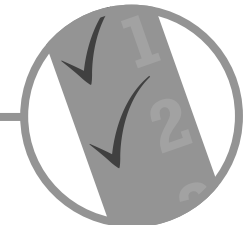
INTERVIEW

The presenter will bring a resume and perform a mock interview, for a job of their choice. Youth will need to prepare their resume prior to presentations. This type of presentation is not eligible to move on to district level presentations. (Recommended for ages 14-19).



ILLUSTRATED TALK

The presenter uses visual aids to tell about the topic. The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, PowerPoint Slides, overheads, graphs, examples, models, etc., plays a major role in communicating the presenter's message. (Recommended for ages 9 and up).



DEMONSTRATION

The presenter shows and explains how to do or make something (how to juggle, make a kite, make cookies, care for a 4-H project animal, etc.). Models or illustrations are used as needed to explain information, show the steps in the process being demonstrated, reveal finished products, etc. (Recommended for all ages).

HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

The options are individual presentations, team presentations, public speaking (no visuals), videotaped presentations and impromptu speaking (draw two topics out of a hat and talk about one of them). For more details, please call Sarah Clark at 585-786-2251.

TIPS FOR GOOD PRESENTING

P **PICK A TOPIC**
That you like,
That you know something about,
That you want to share with others.

P **PREPARE AN OUTLINE**
Introduction - Greet your audience and get their attention and interest. Tell what you will be demonstrating and explain why you are interested in the topic.

Body - Present the facts and information in an orderly and logical sequence. Explain what you are doing and why.

Summary - Briefly restate main points of presentation. Give sources of information. Ask the audience if they have any questions.

P **PRACTICE-PRACTICE-PRACTICE**
So your show and tell will be smooth and natural.

P **PRESENT**
Dress neatly. Food demonstrations should wear short sleeves, gloves and have hair pulled back in hair net, scarf or chef's hat.

Be sure everything is in place before you begin.

Work quickly and neatly.

Look at the audience, not down at the demonstration table or your notes too often! Smile, relax, and enjoy what you are doing!

Speak naturally in a clear, loud voice so the audience can hear you.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION LENGTH

1st year presenter - 3-5 minutes

2nd year presenter - 5-7 minutes

3rd year and older - 7-15 minutes

These are not strict rules, just guidelines!!

Note: No presentation should take longer than 15 minutes!!

FOOD PRESENTERS

Please contact the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 if you are interested in doing a food demonstration as a public presentation this year. Stop by the office to pick up your copy of "How To Do A Food Demonstration" which contains information about choosing a recipe, preparing for the demonstration and much more.

NOTE: All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair should be either pulled back in a hair net, scarf or chef's hat.

HORSE PRESENTERS

Horse presenters trying to go to regionals: 9-12 minutes

Horse team demonstrations: 10-15 minutes

Horse public speaking competitors: 7-10 minutes

Videotaped presentation: 20 to 30 minutes

Impromptu speaking: 5 to 8 minutes

Public Presentation Workshop

Monday, January 20, 2025

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

9:30 - 11:00AM

This will be a workshop class - poster board will be provided to get started on your presentations! Come ready with questions and to discuss your topics. We will discuss choosing a topic, getting ready to do the presentation, how an effective poster should look, the three parts to do a public presentation (introduction, body, and summary), what types of things the judges look for, plus other helpful hints on how to do a good job.

RSVP's required or workshop will be cancelled

PUBLIC PRESENTATION REGISTRATION

DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

CLUB NAME: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL!! List all cloverbuds first, juniors second, leave space and then list seniors. If any special equipment is needed, for example: stove, extension cord, hot plate, etc., list name and equipment needed at the bottom. Space is limited in each session date. Registrations will be honored in a first come, first serve basis. We will contact families if we require them to select another date.
NOTE: *All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair should be pulled back or in a hair net, scarf or chef's hat!*

NAME	PHONE #	AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2024	TOTAL YRS IN P.P.	DEMONSTRATION, ILLUSTRATED TALK, FORMAL SPEECH, RECITATION, INTERVIEW OR DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION	TYPE: AG, HOME, HORSE, MISC.	TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION	DEMO DAY: 2/20, 2/22, 2/25	DISTRICT CONSIDERATION? YES OR NO

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: _____

PLEASE CALL THE 4-H OFFICE PRIOR TO YOUR PRESENTATION DAY IF AFTER REGISTERING YOU PLAN NOT TO ATTEND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H:

WIN A CALF PROJECT

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 8-13 years old, or first year dairy members 14-15 years old are eligible (ages as of January 1, 2025).
3. For a first year project member - the animal you will keep records on must be born between September 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Must be a female but does not need to be registered. If you completed the program this past year, you may choose to continue to keep records on your project animal.
4. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
5. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
6. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.
7. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
8. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
9. Each participant will complete a short interview with the dairy committee.

1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf of your choice

2nd Prize: Cash Prize

3rd Prize: Cash Prize

2024 Win A Calf Winners

1st place: Addyson Blaisdell- 4-P's

2nd place: Cooper Burnham- Red Bandanas

3rd place: Sienna Keough- Red Bandanas

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H:

LIVING LEARNING PROJECT

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 14-18 years old, or past Win A Calf winners who have not turned 14 yet (ages as of January 1, 2025).
3. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
4. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
5. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.
6. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
7. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
8. Each participant will complete an in-person interview with the dairy committee and bank representative.

1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf or scholarship money

2nd Prize: Cash Prize

3rd Prize: Cash Prize

2024 Living Learning Project Winners

1st place: Marina Cox- Red Bandanas

2nd place: Dalton Burnham- Red Bandanas

3rd place: Kurtis Schenk II- Independent member

Win a Calf & Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at
585-786-2251 or sal294@cornell.edu

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Agriculture Scholarship Essay Contest

Wyoming County 4-H has received a donation for a scholarship, for youth who are involved in the agricultural field. The money has been donated by the Jim Downing family who resided in North Java. His family wants to encourage young people involved in agriculture to never stop learning.

To apply for the scholarship please write an essay of a minimum of 250 words. Your essay should include your involvement in the Wyoming County 4-H program, how agriculture has impacted your life, what your future goals or plans are with agriculture, and how you would utilize a \$250 scholarship.

Essays must be submitted by Friday, January 24th.

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu with any questions.

DAIRY JEOPARDY

Thursday, February 13, 2025
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, Nature's 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.

2025

Dairy Educational Activities

These are approved activities for the 2025 4-H Dairy Project. More information about these events will be available in subsequent editions of the 4-H News. Remember that you **MUST** participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in dairy shows at the fair. We encourage you to participate in more than just one activity to enhance your 4-H experience!

*Please remember that public presentations only count for ONE species; for example you may **not** count a public presentation as your approved educational event to show dairy and sheep; you must pick one!*

DECEMBER 16

WIN A CALF &
LIVING LEARNING
DAIRY PROJECT
ORIENTATION

JANUARY 25

DAIRY BOWL

FEBRUARY
20, 22, 25

PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS

FEBRUARY 13

DAIRY
JEOPARDY

MARCH/APRIL

DAIRY JUDGING

JUNE

DAIRY
CHALLENGE

JUNE

SHOWING &
FITTING CLINIC



DAIRY BOWL



**JANUARY
25TH**

Pre-registration is required for the contest. Please be considerate of the deadlines listed below - canceling a team at the last minute makes things very difficult.

SENIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL (Members 14 and over as of January 1, 2025)

JUNIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL (Members 8-13 as of January 1, 2025)

Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 9:30am

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center St, Warsaw

****SNOW DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST; SAME TIME AND LOCATION****

All participating clubs, please submit 10 questions per division with your registration.

Quiz bowl units, practice questions, and the current rules can be borrowed from the 4-H office. A club may enter more than one team. A team has four members. If you don't have enough for a full team, Stephanie will combine you with lone members or other clubs to form a team.

We will need leaders and parents to serve as scorekeepers the day of the contests. Please let us know when teams are registering if you are able to volunteer your time to help for this day.

STUDY MATERIALS AVAILABLE!

Last years' district questions and supplemental information are available at the 4-H office or online.

If your club is looking for a fun way to practice, there is a Dairy Learning Lab available at the 4-H office! Please contact Stephanie to reserve.

**District dairy bowl is Saturday, March 1st at Pioneer Middle School*

DAIRY BOWL 2025 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 17, 2025

Club Name: _____

Our club is submitting

- Senior Questions
- Junior Questions

Number of Senior Teams: _____

Number of Junior Teams: _____

Senior Team Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Junior Team Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Leader's Signature _____



NOTICE FOR NEW YORK CATTLE PRODUCERS AND EXHIBITORS

Beginning November 5, 2024, there will be only one USDA-official tag type approved for cattle. USDA's final rule for cattle ID requires all official tags applied to cattle after November 5, 2024 to be both RFID and visually readable. New York State will no longer be supplying silver metal National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES or 'brite') tags for use in cattle or swine when our current supply is finished.

What does this mean for you as a producer? If you apply eartags as official identification to cattle, you need to use RFID tags starting November 5, 2024. Cattle born in the USA will need 840 eartags.

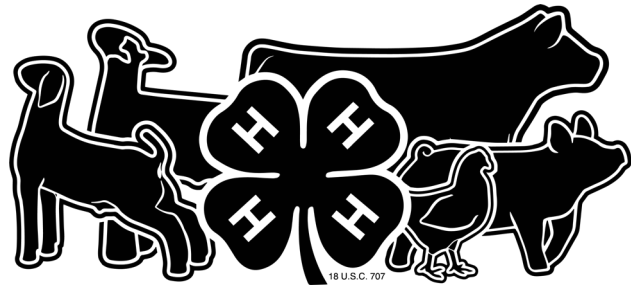
What are RFID tags? RFID tags are electronic identification tags that can be scanned from a distance, as well as read visually. They come in several different shapes, all of which are RFID capable. They all have 15-digit identification numbers, which are printed on them and may also be read electronically. RFID tags may also have a bangle with a shorter management number on them. Currently, these tags can be privately ordered, customized, and purchased through approved tag manufacturers.

Do all cattle need official eartags? The new USDA final rule does not change which cattle receive official eartags; it only changes which eartags that are considered official. If you do not currently need official tags in your cattle, they still do not require official tags. * Some examples of cattle that currently require official identification: cattle going to a livestock dealer or through a market, cattle moving out of state on a CVI, cattle coming to your New York farm, all animals traveling to a New York sponsored fair.

Basically, all cattle that you plan to exhibit at the Wyoming County Fair will need an RFID tag, unless they are grandfathered into the November 5, 2024 rule. Please contact either Holly or Stephanie in the 4-H office if you have any questions.

2025 4-H LIVESTOCK (BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, MARKET GOATS, AND MARKET POULTRY) PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY LIST

Here are some educational events that you can place on your calendar to count on and watch for the February 4-H news where we will have a finalized list of livestock activities. REMEMBER that you must participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in livestock shows (meat animal or general 4-H) at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair. We always encourage youth to participate in more than just one activity to enhance their 4-H experience!



JANUARY 21	Beef Stations	Swine Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
FEBRUARY 20, 22, 25	Public Presentations	Beef Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
MARCH 1	Livestock Skill-A-Thon	Sheep Showmanship Clinic	JUNE/JULY
APRIL TBD	Farm Tour	Livestock Quality Assurance	JULY 8

4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 9:30AM

AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

This event will satisfy the 4-H educational requirement to show beef, sheep, swine, market goats or market broilers at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.

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

DIVISIONS

Novice - youth 8-10 as of 1/1/25

Junior - youth 11-13 as of 1/1/25

Senior - youth 14 years and older as of 1/1/25

Study packets will be available in the 4-H office after January 1st.

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

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON SIGN-UP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE AS OF 1/1/25 _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

NOVICE

JUNIOR

SENIOR

Beef Project Station Night

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:00pm

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Participants must register before the meeting

Join us for hands on stations that will be all about beef! Topics will include: breeds, handling, feeding, cuts of meat and more.

This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting 4-H beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.

** 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION NOTE **

Don't forget that doing a public presentation counts towards an education event for the 4-H livestock program!

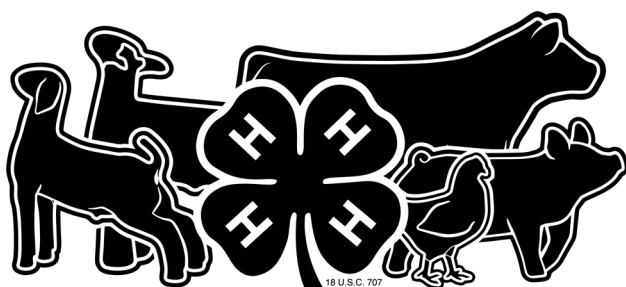
There are three dates to choose from: February 20th, 22nd, 25th. You can find information on pages 15 - 17 of this newsletter. Topics don't necessarily need to be livestock related (but are nice). The goal is to get you talking about something that you are interested in; which can increase your self-confidence, knowledge of your chosen topic, poise and much more.....building essential lifelong skills!

Are you looking to start a livestock project for the 2025 show season?

The 4-H office is compiling a list of local and regional livestock producers to share with 4-H families.

This list will be available by request after January 1st.

If you know anyone that would be interested in being listed, please contact Holly with the contact information.



HORSING AROUND



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H 2025 HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

REMINDER: Youth are expected to attend at least one (1) educational equine event to show horses during the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.

DECEMBER

- **Horse Bowl Practice:** December 17th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

JANUARY

- **Horse Bowl Practice:** January 14th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center
- ***Wyoming County Horse Bowl:** January 24th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

FEBRUARY

- *** Public Presentations & Horse Communications:** Ag & Business Center (see pages 18-21)

MARCH

- *** Hippology:** March 23rd; 1:00pm, Ag & Business Center

COUNTY WIDE HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY PRACTICES!

Youth 8+ welcome to attend!

Monday, December 17, 2024 6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center	Monday, January 14, 2025 6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center
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HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

See Public Presentation dates listed on page 15. 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.)

HIPPOLOGY CONTEST Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 1:00PM 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!

WYOMING COUNTY HORSE BOWL FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 at 6:30pm AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

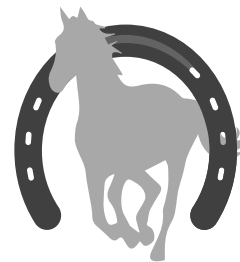
Come participate in the annual Wyoming County Horse Bowl and test your knowledge! You may call the 4-H office and register for this event as an individual or as a team of 4 (4 novice OR juniors OR seniors per team). You are competing as an individual for overall score. There are opportunities to advance to regional, state and national levels in this event. Study packets are available at the 4-H office.

FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY 1/19/2024

HORSE BOWL REGISTRATION FORM

Club/Individual Name: _____

Contact: _____



Senior Team Members

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Junior Team Members

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Novice Team Members

- _____
- _____
- _____
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MICROWAVE MAGIC

Thursday, January 30th &
Thursday, February 6th

at 6:30pm

Open to youth ages 8+

This is a virtual opportunity via ZOOM!

Interested in utilizing the microwave to create your own snacks, and meals? Join Sarah for 2 virtual cooking sessions – utilizing your microwave! The first night we will have a baked potato bar and make mug cakes. We will brainstorm ideas at the end for what youth want to make the next week!

Register by calling the 4-H office or emailing wyo-mingcouty4h@cornell.edu by January 22nd to receive the participation link.

STEM CAMP DAY

Tuesday, February 18th

10AM – 11:30AM

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

4-H ages 8+

Free to all participants

Come play and learn with various STEM activities on your holiday break!

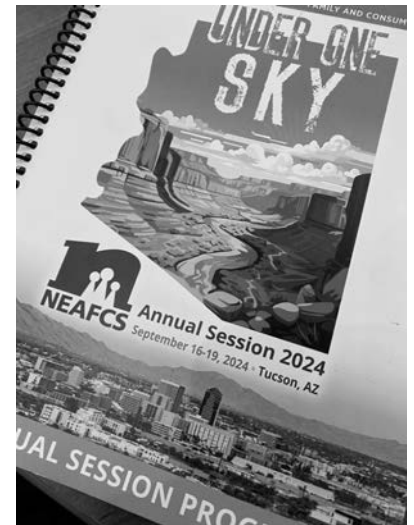
Breakout rooms will include ozobots, snap circuits, 3-D pens, and a special STEM challenge for older youth.

Rooms will be divided based on the ages of participants.

Register by February 10th to take part in this fun camp day by calling 585-786-2251.

Wyoming County 4-H goes West!

4-H educator Sarah Clark had the opportunity to attend the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) conference this September in Tucson, Arizona. Not only did she learn more about the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) topics including financial management, healthy living, food preservation, and more! But most of all she made some lasting connections with FCS agents across the US!



Pictured Above: NYS Contingency



Pictured Above: Arizona Skyline

WNY 4-H DOG LEADER TRAINING

Sunday, January 26th at 1:00pm
Ag & Business Center,
36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY

REGISTER
BY
JANUARY
15TH!

Come learn from
our fellow 4-H dog
colleagues before
obedience begins
in April!

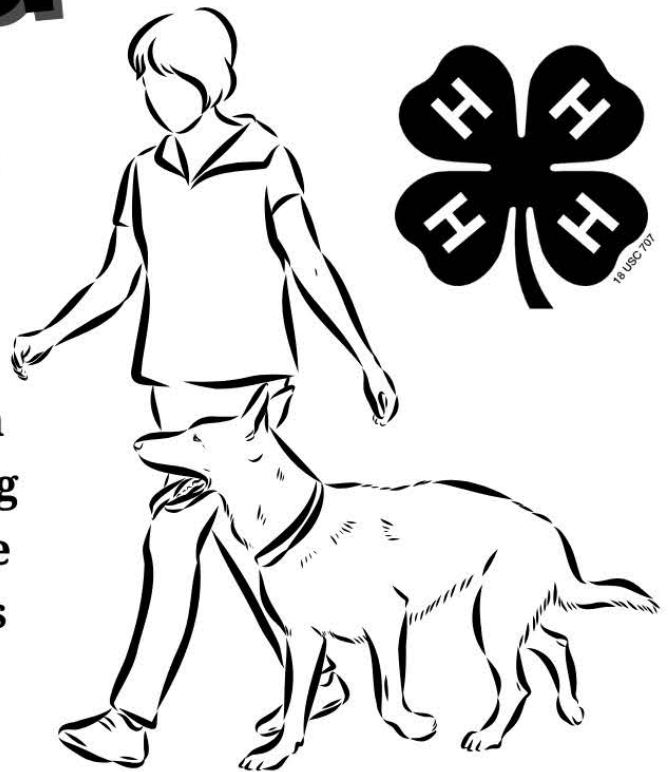
State Fair Superintendent Liz Meacham will be
presenting on Grooming & Handling. There will also be
an open Q&A session, and networking opportunities.

Call Wyoming County CCE for any questions

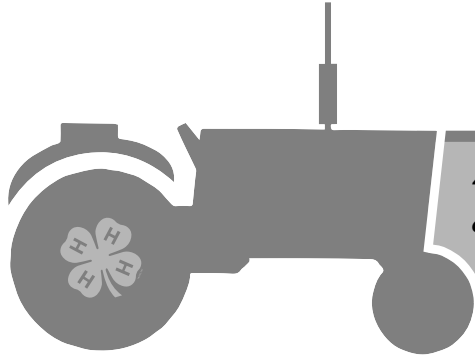
585-786-2251

Email Sarah at sac347@cornell.edu to register or
call the CCE Wyoming office.

4-H Leaders,
Educators, and
Judges are welcome!



Come learn about tractor and machinery safety, equipment maintenance and how engines run! The following opportunities will be offered by the Wyoming County 4-H Program during 2025:



4-H SMALL ENGINES, TRACTOR & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Year 1: For youth 10 years or older that would like to learn about small engines, lawn mowers, etc.

Year 2: For youth 11 years old who have completed Year 1 program.

Year 3: For youth 12 years old who have completed Year 2 program.

Pre-Certification: For youth 13 years old who have completed Years 1, 2 or 3 and are interested in the certification program the following year. We will focus on non-core curriculum from the NSTMOP program.

National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program: For youth 14-15 years old that would like to work on a farm for hire and operate a tractor over 20 horsepower. (Participates must be 14 years old by 4/1/2025).

Years 1, 2 & 3 and Pre-Certification Schedule	NSTMOP Certification Schedule
- No Class -	1/20/25 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
- No Class -	1/27/25 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
2/3/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/3/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
2/10/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/10/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
2/24/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	2/24/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
3/3/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership	3/3/25 - 7pm @ Local Tractor Dealership
- No Class -	3/10/25 - 7pm Written Test @ CCE Office, Warsaw
- No Class -	4/5/2025 - Driving Test @ TBD

** Snow dates are reserved for Wednesday evenings each week if needed. **

Certification Course: \$20 registration fee. Once you are registered, pick up an instruction manual from the 4-H office (manuals may be mailed for an additional fee). Requirements for certification: 12-15 hours of reading and self-study, attend all meetings, and pass both a written test and driving test. **Register ASAP to allow yourself time to pick up an instruction manual and complete homework before first class!

Years 1, 2, 3 and Pre-Certification: \$5.00 registration fee. Please fill out registration form below and return to the 4-H office as soon as possible along with the registration fee. Requirements for completion: attend at least three out of five events.

All participants must be enrolled as a Wyoming County 4-H member or a 4-H member in any neighboring county.

TRACTOR, CERTIFICATION & SMALL ENGINES SCHOOLS

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age (as of 1-1-25): _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Check Appropriate Box: Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Pre-Certification Certification

Parents Signature: _____ Enclose **\$20.00** for certification OR **\$5.00** for Years 1, 2, 3 or pre-certification

Please Note: If you are not a 4-H member, you will need to enroll. Please call 585-786-2251. 4-H Enrollment fee is \$15 for Wyoming County residents and \$20 for out-of-county residents.



Wyoming County 4-H Member Enrollment Form Year 2024-2025

Thank you for your interest in the Wyoming County 4-H Program!
Please fill out the following form and return to the 4-H Office along with the enrollment fee.

Personal Information:

Family Email: _____

Member Email (if applicable): _____

Member First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Mailing Address Line 1: _____

Mailing Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Correspondence Preference: MAIL MAIL AND E-MAIL

Do you wish to receive text messages? YES NO If yes please provide your provider: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Primary Parent/Guardian:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Two:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

(If different than above):

Secondary Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Send Correspondence to second address:

Salutation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Demographic Information:

Ethnicity:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? YES NO

Race: White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander
 Asian Prefer Not to State

Residence: Farm Town < 10k and rural non-farm Town 10k-50k and suburbs Suburbs of City > 50k
 Central City > 50k

Military Service of Family:

Family Member Military Service: No one in my family is serving I have a parent serving I have a sibling serving

Branch: _____ Active Reserve National Guard

School Information:

School County : _____

School District: _____

School Name: _____

2024-2025 Grade: _____

Office Use:

Entered into the Computer; _____



4-H Information:

Have You Filled Out The Following Forms This Year? Photo/Media Release Liability Waiver Code of Conduct

Years in 4-H (completed as of 2024): _____

Enrollment Fee (\$15 Wyoming Co. resident / \$20 Out-Of-County)

Cash amount paid: _____

Check #/amount paid: _____

2024-2025 Club Information:

Primary Club Name or Independent Member: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

2024-2025 4-H Project Interest:

Please select all 4-H projects you might be interested in.

**** This does NOT automatically enroll you in a project, but provides 4-H program staff with interest levels ****

Animal Science

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dog Obedience
- Goat
- Horse
- Poultry
- Rabbits/Cavies
- Sheep
- Swine

- Choose Health / Fitness
- Clothing and Textile
 - Needle Art
- Cloverbud (5 to 7 year olds)
- Community Service
- Fine Arts and Crafts
- Foods and Nutrition
 - Cooking & Baking
 - Food Science
 - Home Food Presentation
- Legos/Robotics
- Plant Science
 - Flowers
 - Vegetable
 - Gladiola
 - Giant Vegetable
- Home Improvement/Fabric Furnishing

- Leadership Skills Development/
Junior Leadership (must be 13 years or older)
- Meat Animal Project (Select one)
 - Beef or Dairy
 - Swine
 - Lamb
 - Poultry
 - Goat
- Natural Resources
 - Hiking
 - Fishing
 - Pheasants
 - Other: _____
- Performing Arts/Expressive Arts
- Photography/Visual Arts
- Public Presentations
- Shooting Sports
- Small Engines/Tractor
 - Tractor Certification
(must be 14 years or older)
- STEM activities
- Teen Leaders
- Woodworking/Handyman/Electrical
- Vet Science
- Other: _____

Photo, Video, and Audio Consent and Release Form

From time to time, photographs, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips may be taken of youth and adults attending Cornell Cooperative Extension events or participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension-sponsored programs and activities. Cornell Cooperative Extension requests the right to use all such photos, videos, print material and/or audio clips taken of youth and adults involved in these programs and activities. They may be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, publications, promotional brochures, promotions or showcase of programs on our Web sites, showcase of activities in local and/or national newspapers or programming, and other similar lawful purposes. By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension programs or events. I agree to give up my rights with regards to Cornell Cooperative Extension photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

I do **not** release media consent of my child

Wyoming County 4-H Youth Development Member Code of Conduct Commitment

These expectations are to be shared with all Wyoming County 4-H Members participating in events prior to the event. This will establish a clear understanding of expectations among the individuals involved. Chaperones on any 4-H trip will be enforcing this code.

Expected Behavior:

1. All participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the adult in charge at the time given. This includes the following rules and regulations of the given event.
2. All participants are expected to participate in all of the planned programs, to be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.
3. All participants will act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing that they are role models for others and are representing themselves and Wyoming County 4-H.
4. All participants will be dressed appropriately for the event. If you are unsure of what is appropriate for the event, contact the 4-H staff person in advance.
5. All participants will be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property at all times.
6. All participants will respect the rights and opinions of others, realizing that customs may be different.
7. All participants are to refrain from the possession and/or use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, firearms and other weapons at all times.
8. All participants are to refrain from romantic displays, sexual activities, and harassment either in public or private situations. These actions will not be tolerated.

Consequences (Any of the following may apply, depending on severity of the situation.)

1. In mild cases, a warning may be given.
2. Youth may be sent home at family's expense.
3. Youth may be barred from a future event.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledge and agreements including the following parts: Member Code of Conduct and Photo Release Form.

Youth Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs/4-H Equine clubs and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities/4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national level.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers. My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of **5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members/8 for regular 4-H Equine club members** required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Select anticipated program participation:

All 4-H Activities and Events for the 2024-2025 Program Year

4-H Club Activities:

- Working with dogs
- Physical Fitness programs
- Shooting Sports

4-H Club Equine Activities:

- Participating in an equine club
- Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows

Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. I (the parent or legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension county, multiple county, regional, or state sponsored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.

For Cloverbuds (youth 5-8 years old only):

- Cloverbud activities
- Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved.

This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located.

I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (print): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT GUARDIAN NAME (print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

This form must be kept on file until participant reaches age 21.
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We hope this beautiful time of year finds you happy and healthy as you look forward to all the wonderful things to come in 2025!

Holly Sarah

Stephanie Alesia
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